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MINUTES
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
FOR 1835-6.

Beginning October 16, 1835,

AND

Ending October 6, 1836.

PHILADELPHIA:
J. VAN COURT, PRINTER, 48 MARKET STREET,
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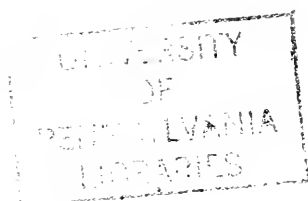
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COMMON COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, October 16, 1835.

ALL the Common Council men elect, or persons having the highest number of votes for the office of common council men, assembled according to law at the City Hall, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and then called HENRY TROTH, Esq. to the chair; and then proceeded to the Hall of Independence, where the Judges of the General Election gave to them the Returns of the General Election for the the office of common council.

And the said common council men did then return to their chamber in the City Hall, when the said return was read, and ordered to be filed, and is in the order and figures following, to wit:

JUDGES.

We, the Subscribers, Judges of a General Election, held at the State House, in the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, 13th day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-five, for members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, Do certify that the following persons had the number of votes affixed to their respective names, to wit:

Henry Troth	had	fifty-four hundred and fifty-two	votes	5452
Frederick Fraley	do.	do.	sixty-four	do. 5464
Merritt Canby	do.	do.	forty-six	do. 5445
Benj. M. Hinchman	do.	do.	forty-eight	do. 5448
Peter Wright	do.	do.	forty-nine	do. 5449
Wm. Rawle, jr.	do.	do.	sixty-seven	do. 5467
Isaac Otis	do.	do.	sixty	do. 5460
Thomas Lancaster	do.	do.	sixty-four	do. 5464
Thomas Earp	do.	do.	sixty-one	do. 5461
Wm. S. Smith	do.	do.	fifty-eight	do. 5458
John Gilder	do.	do.	thirty-two	do. 5432
James Rowland	do.	do.	sixty-three	do. 5463
Cornelius S. Smith	do.	do.	thirty-two	do. 5432
John Thomason	do.	do.	one	do. 5401
Charles Marshall	do.	do.	sixty-nine	do. 5464
John S. Warner	do.	do.	sixty-five	do. 5465

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John Darragh	do.	do.	thirty-seven do.	5437
Henry Sailor	do.	do.	forty-six do.	5446
Charles S. Smith	do.	do.	sixty-three do.	5463
Davis B. Stacey	do.	do.	forty-three do.	5443
John Bell	had fourteen	do.	sixty-eight do.	1468
Wm. Camm	do.	do.	eighty-two do.	1482
John Horner	do.	do.	seventy-eight do.	1478
David Boyd	do.	do.	seventy-one do.	1471
John D. Miles	do.	do.	seventy-five do.	1475
Hugh Cutherwood	do.	do.	seventy-two do.	1472
Thevdon Calladay	do.	do.	eighty-two do.	1482
Edm. B. Mixsell	do.	do.	eighty-one do.	1481
John W. M'Grath	do.	do.	seventy-eight do.	1478
Dr. Levi De Budder	do.	do.	seventy-one do.	1471
T. M. Bryan	fifteen	do.	seven do.	1207
James Fearon	fourteen	do.	eighty-four do.	1484
John Troubal	do.	do.	seventy-sev'nd do.	1477
Saml. H. Perkins	do.	do.	eighty-five do.	1485
A. R. Gemeny	do.	do.	seventy-four do.	1474
Thos. Hopkins	do.	do.	sixty-four do.	1464
John Dallam	do.	do.	seventy do.	1470
Jos. Richards	do.	do.	seventy-four do.	1474
Wm. Murtha	do.	do.	sixty-seven do.	1467
Benjn. Fritz	do.	do.	sixty-nine do.	1469
Isaac Wainwright	thirteen	do.	forty-six do.	1346
Fred. A. Swier	do.	do.	four do.	1304
Wm. Geip	do.	do.	twelve do.	1312
Patrick Hays	do.	do.	seventeen do.	1318
Jas. Robinson	do.	do.	ten do.	1310
James H. Cole	do.	do.	twenty-two do.	1322
Wm. Nassau, jr.	do.	do.	seventeen do.	1317
Samuel Porter	do.	do.	eleven do.	1311
Peter Benner	do.	do.	sixteen do.	1316
Andrew Flick	do.	do.	one do.	1301
John Rutherford	do.	do.	eight do.	1308
Samuel Davis	do.	do.	fifteen do.	1315
David Clark	do.	do.	nine do.	1309
John Dean	do.	do.	nine do.	1309
Wm. Miller	do.	do.	thirteen do.	1312
Conrad Wite	do.	do.	thirteen do.	1313
Isaac Mount	do.	do.	fourteen do.	1314
Barnet Quin	twelve	do.	ninety-four do.	1294
Henry Shoemaker	thirteen	do.	nineteen do.	1319
Dr. Wm. Shaw	do.	do.	five do.	1305

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And we do further certify that the said

Charles Marshall,	Henry Troth,
Wm. Rawle, jr.	Peter Wright,
John S. Warner,	Benj. M. Hinchman,
Fred. Fraley,	Merrit Canby,
Thomas Lancaster,	Henry Sailor,
James Rowland,	John Darragh,
Charles S. Smith,	Davis B. Stacey,
Thomas Earp,	John Gilder,
Isaac Otis,	Cornelius S. Smith,
Wm. S. Smith,	John Thomason,

Had the highest number of votes for common council men aforesaid, and they are hereby declared to be elected to compose the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

In testimony whereof we, the said Judges, have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above mentioned.

Wm. A. Biddle, [s.]	Samuel Norris, [s.]
Thos. S. Richards, [s.]	Jno. Traquair, [s.]
John Lindsay, [s.]	Wm. Abbott, [s.]
W. W. Thackara, [s.]	Geo. A. Lewis, [s.]
James Hickey, [s.]	

And then the said gentlemen so declared in and by the said return to be duly elected, did proceed to examine the same and judge and determine therein. And then and there the said common council so elected and returned, did approve of the election of the said

Charles Marshall,	Henry Troth,
Wm. Rawle, jr.	Peter Wright,
John S. Warner,	Benj. M. Hinchman,
Frederick Fraley,	Merritt Canby,
Thomas Lancaster,	Henry Sailor,
James Rowland,	John Darragh,
Charles S. Smith,	Davis B. Stacey,
Thomas Earp,	John Gilder,
Isaac Otis,	Cornelius S. Smith,
Wm. S. Smith,	John Thomason,

Each as common council man.

And the Mayor being waited on by a committee, appeared attended by the said committee, and administered to each of the above named gentlemen the oath or affirmation of office. And then withdrew, attended by the said committee.

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It was ordered that the council proceed forthwith to elect a President. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Rawle and Rowland tellers.

And the votes were collected, and being counted by the tellers, it was declared that

HENRY TROTH, Esq.,

had received nineteen votes, and was elected, and he accordingly took his seat as such, and made his acknowledgments of the honour.

Ordered that council proceed to elect a Clerk.

Whereupon the same tellers were appointed, and the votes were collected and counted, and reported by the tellers to the President, who declared that

ROBERT HARE, jr.

had received twenty votes, and was elected clerk.

Ordered that council proceed to elect a Messenger and a Printer.

And the votes were collected and reported to the President, who declared that

WILLIAM DAUGHERTY had twelve votes, and was elected Messenger, and that

LYDIA R. BAILEY had eighteen votes, and was elected Printer.

Ordered that select council be informed that common council will meet on Tuesday, October 20th, to elect a Mayor, at 12 o'clock.

Ordered that Messrs. Wright, Earp and Warner be a committee to examine and report unfinished business.

Mr. Fraley offered two resolutions.

Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations for the government of each council, and for the intercourse between councils, be referred to a special committee of three from each council.

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Fraley, Rowland and Rawle were appointed on said committee.

Select council concurred, and appointed Messrs. Wetherill, Price and Lewis.

2. Resolved, That in the mean time the present Rules and Regulations be adopted and observed.

Which was adopted, and select council concurred.

FRIDAY, October 16, 1835.

The clerk of select council was announced, and delivered a message, stating that select council was organized and ready to receive communications from this council. And had elected

Wm. M. Meredith	-	-	-	President,
Joseph G. Clarkson	-	-	-	Clerk,
Wm. Daugherty	-	-	-	Messenger,
Lydia R. Bailey	-	-	-	Printer.

Stating further that select council had passed a resolution to meet on Tuesday next, October 20th, to elect a Mayor, at 12 o'clock.

Had appointed on the Watering committee, Messrs. Wetherill, Lewis, Dunlap and M'Credy.

The President appointed on same committee, Messrs. Lancaster, Fraley, Warner and Hinchman.

And then the council adjourned.

TUESDAY, October 20, 1835.

Councils met to-day at 12 o'clock to elect a Mayor of the city, pursuant to Act of Assembly ; present,

Messrs. Canby,	Messrs. Sailor,
Darragh,	N. T. Smith,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Stacey.
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rawle,	Wright.
Rowland,	

Ordered that select council be informed that this council is now ready to receive select council in convention, to elect a Mayor of the city for the ensuing year.

The President, clerk, and members of the select council entered, and being seated,

The President stated the object of the convention, and appointed Mr. Lewis teller.

The President of the select council appointed Mr. Rowland teller, and the names of the members being called,

TUESDAY, October 20, 1835.

Of the select council.

Jos. R. Chandler	voted for	John Swift.
Thos. Dunlap	do.	id.
Wm. H. Keating,	do.	Joseph Watson.
Lawrence Lewis	do.	John Swift.
Josh. Lippincott	do.	absent.
Dennis McCredy	do.	John Swift.
Wm. M. Meredith	do.	id.
Richard Price	do.	id.
Isaac Roatch	do.	id.
John Weigand	do.	Joseph Watson.
H. J. Williams	do.	id.
John P. Wetherill	do.	id.

Of the common council.

Merrit Canby	do.	John Swift.
John Darragh	do.	id.
Thos. Earp	do.	Joseph Watson.
Fred. Fraley	do.	id.
John Gilder	do.	id.
Benj. M. Hinchman		absent.
Thos. Lancaster	do.	John Swift.
Ch. Marshall	do.	id.
Isaac Otis	do.	id.
Wm. Rawle	do.	Joseph Watson.
Jas. Rowland	do.	id.
Henry Sailor	do.	id.
Wm. T. Smith	do.	John Swift.
Ch. S. Smith	do.	id.
Co. S. Smith	do.	id.
Lewis B. Stacey	do.	id.
John Thomason	do.	id.
Henry Troth	do.	Joseph Watson
John S. Warner	do.	John Swift.
Peter Wright	do.	id.

So that John Swift had nineteen votes, and Joseph Watson eleven. And it was declared by the President that

JOHN SWIFT

was duly elected Mayor of the city for one year.

Ordered that Messrs. Price and Rowland be a committee to wait upon John Swift, and request his attendance in the common council chamber.

Whereupon the committee returned accompanied by the Mayor elect, to whom the President communicated his election.

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And the Recorder of the city being in attendance, duly administered the oath of office, which the Mayor took and subscribed, and then withdrew, attended by the same committee.

The convention was then dissolved, and the President, clerk, and members of the select council withdrew.

The President announced the following committees :

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. Fraley, Rawle, W. T. Smith, and Marshall.

Select council by message informed this council, that on same committee were appointed Messrs. Lippincott, Lewis, Price and Williams.

Committee on Police.—Messrs. W. T. Smith, Hinchman, Sailor, Cor. S. Smith.

Select council.—Messrs. Lippincott, Wetherill, Wiegand and Dunlap.

Committee on Public Highways.—Messrs. Rowland, Canby, Lancaster and Stacey.

Select council.—Keating, Wiegand, Roatch and Wetherill.

Committee on Cleaning the City.—Messrs. Warner, Darragh, Thomason and Otis.

Select council.—McCredy Roatch, Wiegand and Chandler.

Committee on City Property.—Messrs. Earp, Wright, Ch. S. Smith and Cor. S. Smith.

Select council.—Price, Keating, Chandler and Williams.

Committee on Legacies and Trusts.—Messrs. Rawle, Gilder, Rowland and Thomason.

Select council.—Messrs. Roatch, Keating, Williams and Dunlap.

Committee of Girard Estates.—Messrs. President, Earp, Canby, Ch. S. Smith and Stacey.

Select council.—Messrs. President of select council, Lippincott, Lewis, Price and Chandler.

Building Committee of the Girard College.—Messrs. Gilder, Wright, Otis and Sailor.

Select council.—Messrs. Lippincott, McCredy, Roatch and Wetherill.

And then the council adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 22, 1835.

Present, Messrs. Canby,	Sailor,
Darragh,	W. T. Smith,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rawle,	Wright.
Rowland,	

Ordered that the account of the city treasurer presented this evening, be referred to committee on finance.

Mr. Gilder presented a petition of the victuallers in Market, west of Broad street, against Hawking Meat, which was referred to committee on police.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition for repaving Taylor's alley, which was referred to committee on public highways.

Mr. Gilder presented a remonstrance of teachers and others, against renting room in New Market to Hope hose company, which was referred to committee on city property.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on unfinished business, made report, and moved that the petition of Myers Bank be referred to committee on police. Ordered.

Bill relative to Broad street rail-road be referred to committee on public highways. Ordered.

Petition of Hope hose company for room in New Market in Second street be referred to committee on city property. Ordered.

Report of special committee on Danville and Pottsville rail-road be referred to committee on finance. Ordered.

Petition relative to market ordinances, be referred to committee on police. Ordered.

A message was received from select council, stating that select council had passed two resolutions.

That committee on finance be directed to inquire and report upon the propriety of fixing the salaries of officers of councils, at such rates as to supersede the inducement to the practice of making extra allowances to them at the close of the year. Common council concurred.

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Resolved, that the clerks of council under the direction of committee on finance, be requested to have published in pamphlet, all the ordinances which have passed councils, since the publication of the Digest. Common council concurred.

Stating, further, that select council had passed two resolutions.

1. Instructing committee on city property to consider the expediency of making immediate arrangements to light the city hall, and other city buildings with gas. Common council concurred.

2. Resolved, that committee on city property be authorized to rent a suitable building, and have the same prepared with sufficient fire proof closets under the advice and assistance of city recording surveyor, and when suitably prepared, to have all the maps, papers, and documents appertaining to the surveyor and regulator of the city, removed thereto, and suitably arranged.

Mr. Gilder moved to add thereto, "And also to prepare and set apart, suitable rooms for the accommodation of committees of councils."

Which passed, and common council concurred in resolutions so amended. Select council concurred in amendments.

And then the council adjourned.

MONDAY, November 2, 1835.

Present, Messrs. Canby,	Sailor,
Darragh,	Wm. T. Smith,
Earp,	Cor. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Wright,
Rowland,	Warner.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition to repave Schuylkill Third street.—Referred to committee on public highways.

Mr. Thomason presented a petition from Silent Watch, for great coats.—Referred to committee on police.

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MONDAY, November 2, 1853.

Ordered that select council be informed that this council is ready to receive select council in joint meeting.

And after some time, select council entered, and the President stated the object of convention to be the election of three inspectors of the prison, and appointed Mr. Williams Teller. The President of the common council appointed Mr. Warner Teller.

And the votes being collected, counted and reported to the President, he declared that

Thomas Harper, having 24 votes,

Tobias Huber, " 23 "

James Hutchenson, " 24 "

were duly elected.

Select council retired, and then the council adjourned.

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THURSDAY, November 5, 1855.

Present, Messrs. Canby,
Darragh,
Earp,
Fraley,
Gilder,
Hinchman,
Lancaster,
Marshall,
Otis,
Rowland,

Present, Messrs. Rawle,
Sailor,
Wm. T. Smith,
Ch. S. Smith,
Stacey,
Troth,
Thomason,
Warner,
Wright.

Mr. Fraley presented five remonstrances from five "Female Beneficial Societies," against granting the prayer of the petition of the Hope Hose Company, for the exclusive use of the room in Second street market house,

Which were referred to committee on city property.

Mr. Canby, a petition from Farmers, &c. of Lancaster county, for a continuation of the Rail Road from Broad street, to the Wharves,

Which was referred to committee on public highways.

Mr. Rowland, a petition from Jonas Gleason, relative to the mode of paving.

Referred to committee on public highways.

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Mr. Rowland, presented the following

REPORT:

The committee on Public Highways, to whom were referred the petitions for paving Ann street, and for repaving Taylor's alley and Delaware Third street between Sassafras and Vine streets, together with petitions for paving other streets, which were laid over from the late Councils, beg leave to report:— That having given deliberate attention thereto they concur in opinion, that from the lateness of the season and the unusually heavy amount already expended this year in paving and repaving, [all the appropriation made in the spring being exhausted,] it is inexpedient to incur any further expense for the above purposes this year, except in the case of Girard street, which it is essential to pave, in order to allow the new houses built by the Executors of the Girard Estate to be comfortably inhabited, and to this effect the committee offer the annexed resolution, which if sanctioned by council will render an appropriation necessary:

Resolved, That the city commissioners under the direction of the committee on public highways, be, and they are hereby directed to have Girard street paved as soon as practicable.

The committee also recommend that the further consideration of all petitions for paving and repaving, be postponed until the appropriation for next year be made out.

The committee have given due consideration to the petition for replacing a spring pump which has been removed from Sassafras street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and are of opinion that where such pumps stand outside of the curbstone, and in many instances three feet or more in the cartway, especially in the thickly settled part of the city, it is expedient for the public convenience to remove them; They therefore cannot report in favour of granting the request of the petitioners, but recommend them to apply to the watering committee to place a hydrant pump in their vicinity, which application [and those of a like nature in streets where a pump would be a convenience to their fellow citizens] it is believed would be promptly and cheerfully acceded to by the above named committee.

The committee further report for the information of councils, that they have attended to the duty devolved upon them, of dividing the city into districts and placing each district under the care of a city commissioner as follows: 1st, The Northern District, included between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, and from the North side of Vine street to the South side of

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Mulberry street, they have placed under the care of Wm. Farres, Esq. 2d, The Middle District, included between the above named rivers, and from the South side of Mulberry street to the South side of Walnut street, they have placed under the care of Thomas K. Wallace, Esq. 3rd, The South District, included between the said rivers, and from the South side of Walnut street to the South side of Cedar street, under the care of Samuel Harmstead, Esq.

These divisions and allotments are believed by the committee to be satisfactory to the commissioners, and in accordance with public utility.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chr'm.*
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
J. ROACH,
THOS. LANCASTER,
JOHN WIEGAND,
MERRIT CANBY.

Nov. 2d, 1835.

Which being considered, was accepted.

The resolution therein contained was passed, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subjects therein contained.

A message was received from select council stating that select council concurred in resolution.

Mr. Wright, presented a report from the committee on unfinished business, stating an item, viz. the petition for Tramways, which was accepted, and the same referred to committee on public highways.

Mr. Fraley, from the committee on Finance, made the following

REPORT.

To the select and common council:

The committee on Finance in the discharge of their duties under the ordinance passed October 1st, 1835, find that several of the appropriations made for carrying on the public works during the present year, have been over drawn and that others are nearly exhausted, and deem it proper to report an ordinance providing for supplying the deficiencies and enabling the committees to meet the contracts and engagements which have been

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entered into. The excess of expenditures over the appropriations, having arisen chiefly from the improvements on the city property and for objects permanently beneficial to the corporation, in our opinion should be met by means of a loan redeemable at a period sufficiently remote to admit of its liquidation by the operation of the sinking fund. They therefore propose that a loan for the sum of sixty thousand dollars, redeemable in the year 1868, be authorized at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and for that purpose present the annexed draught of an ordinance. They would further state that in order to adapt the arrangement of the accounts to the new system, a transfer of the balances standing on the 21st of October last, under the old heads of appropriations will be necessary and submit a resolution to enable them to effect that object.

FRED. FRALFY,
 RICHARD PRICE,
 WM. RAWLE, JR.
 HENRY J. WILLIAMS,
 CHAS. MARSHALL,
 LAWRENCE LEWIS,
 WILLIAM T. SMITH,
 Committee on Finance.

Philad. Nov. 5, 1835.

An ordinance for supplying deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1835.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in select and common council assembled, That for the purpose of completing the improvements on the city property, and for meeting the contracts and engagements of the corporation, the sum of sixty thousand dollars be, and is hereby appropriated as follows:—to

The committee on Finance,	\$ 1500 00
The committee on Police,	1000 00
The committee on Public Highways,	2000 00
The committee on Cleansing the City,	2500 00
The committee on City Property,	53000 00
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Section 2. Be it further ordained, &c. That for supplying the said appropriations, the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized to raise by loan, for the use of the city, at such times as may be required by the committee on Finance, on the best terms he can

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obtain and at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of January and July, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, for which certificates, transferable in like manner with other certificates of city debt, shall be issued in the usual form; the said loan to be redeemable on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and not before, unless with the consent of the holders of said certificates; and any premium which may be obtained on said loan shall be placed to the credit of the sinking fund.

Resolved, That the city treasurer and city clerk, under the direction of the committee on finance, be, and they are hereby authorized to transfer the balances remaining under the several heads of appropriation on the 21st day of October, 1835, to the accounts of the proper committees.

Whereupon the bill thereunto attached was read a first time, and then a second time, and being duly ordered to be read a third time by its title, was so read, the title ordered to stand as reported, and upon the question shall this bill pass? it was passed and sent to select council for concurrence.

The resolution thereto attached being read was considered and passed and sent to select council for concurrence.

A message from select council stated that select council had passed the above bill and resolution.

Mr. Gilder, moved a resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on city property be directed to report to councils the plan and cost of the railing proposed to be erected around Washington Square, and that they suspend further progress in the same until such report be made and approved by councils.

Which was passed and select council concurred.

Mr. Fraley, from the committee to consider the rules and regulations for common council and for the intercourse between councils, made a

REPORT.

To the common council:

The committee to whom were referred the rules for the government of council, and for regulating the intercourse and business between the chambers have in a joint meeting with the

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committee from select council, agreed upon the rules and regulations herewith presented, which they recommend for adoption and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FRED. FRALEY,
WILLIAM RAWLE, JR.
JAMES ROWLAND,

Philad. Nov. 5, 1835. Committee of common council.

Whereupon the said rules were considered and adopted, and the committee discharged.

A message was received from select council stating that select council concurred in the "rules for regulating the intercourse and business between select and common councils."

And then the council adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 19, 1835.

Present Messrs. Canby,	Messrs. Sailor,
Darragh,	Wm. T. Smith,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Stacey,
Hinchman,	Thomason,
Lancaster,	Troth,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.
Rowland,	

Mr. Gilder presented a petition for the repaving of Pryor's court. Referred to committee on public highways.

Mr. Canby presented a petition for the erection of a tobacco inspection warehouse.

And Mr. Wm. T. Smith presented a petition for the improvement of and erection of wharves at the drawbridge; both of which were referred to the committee on city property.

Mr. Lancaster from the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, as follows:

The Committee on Public Highways to whom were referred sundry petitions from numerous Farmers, Millers and Distillers of Lancaster county, as well as the items of unfinished business from the last councils in relation to the construction of rail roads and tram ways in the city,

REPORT,

That in their opinion the time has arrived when the City authorities can no longer delay their action upon the subject of branch rail roads without jeopardizing some of the most important sources of the public prosperity. Ever since the attention of the Legislature of Pennsylvania was first invoked to the subject of rail roads, by one of the representatives of the city (in 1827) the progress which this new mode of improvement has made in public opinion has been unparalleled in the history of human inventions. What at that time seemed almost the idle scheme of visionary theorists, has in the course of eight years been found one of the most promising means of public usefulness. The doubts of incredulity, the fears of the timid, the shafts of ridicule, have all been directed in vain against the extension of this improvement, and in opposition to all their efforts, it has won its way to public favour by the slow but unerring test of experience.

Rail roads are now so well understood and their advantages so fully appreciated by all classes of the community, that there can be no apprehension of excitement or opposition to them, ex-

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cept from the very limited number of persons whose interests may be adverse to them. At present we enjoy their benefits to a certain extent by the rail road constructed two years since in Broad street, the effect of which has been to give a new impetus to the hitherto slowly improving part of the city, through which it extends.

The number of warehouses and public houses lately erected upon Broad street, and the many which are now in progress or in contemplation, attest the immediate direct local advantages which attend the construction of such works in a city.

The complaints which have been heard against it have been so few as to show that under proper management, and with the system of regulations which daily experience tends to mature and perfect, such an improvement may be carried through the busiest parts of the city without occasioning any serious inconvenience. The city authorities cannot witness the works which are in the progress of execution at the request or with the sanction of the municipal authorities of other cities or districts without being awakened to the sense of the importance of active and liberal measures on their part to retain for the city of Philadelphia the station which it has hitherto filled in the estimation of commercial men. While the inhabitants of Baltimore are rapidly extending their rail roads through every part of their city, while the municipal authorities of the districts adjoining to Philadelphia are giving their countenance and assistance to various schemes, all of which tend to invite trade to their respective limits, it would be a dangerous neglect on our part were we to remain inactive and to suffer that trade which has hitherto belonged to the city of Philadelphia to flow into other channels.

The value of real estate in Philadelphia must in a great measure depend upon her commercial prosperity, and it is self evident that property of all kinds increases in value in proportion to the amount of business done in its vicinity.

The effect of rail roads branching from the main stock in Broad street will be to diffuse the trade to all parts of the city through which they pass; it requires no spirit of prophecy to predict that if we open no outlets from Broad street to the wharves on the Delaware and Schuylkill, within the city limits, those parts of our eastern river front, which have been heretofore scenes of active business, will be abandoned; and that our merchants will move to other and better favoured localities. It will suffice to cast our eyes upon the improvements now making along Willow street in the Northern Liberties to discover at once what would be the effect of a similar work executed in the city.

At a time when large buildings are erecting in Broad street

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and Willow street, and when they are all in demand and rented at high prices, the beautiful stores projected by Girard and erected by the city, in pursuance of his munificent bequest, all for the most part untenanted and unproductive, who can doubt that if a rail road passed in front of them they would soon become depositories of the rich produce of the interior or receptacles for the extensive trade carried on with the immense region of country that lies west of us, and which has always been accustomed to look to Philadelphia as its natural and favorite market?

The petitions referred to this committee exhibit in strong but it is believed correct terms the heavy expenditures to which are subjected all articles brought to the depots in Broad street. That a barrel of flour which was carried on 32 miles of a rail road for seventeen cents should be taxed six cents for its transportation over one mile of our pavements, is a fact which calls loudly for an extension of this valuable improvement to all parts of the city. The expenses of transferring goods from rail road wagons to common carts, and of conveying them to the wharves greatly exceed the real cost of transportation over twenty miles of rail road. This tax might be submitted to, if it were unavoidable, and the farmer, the miller, the distiller, or the storekeeper of the west, might be contented to pay this amount if he saw no means of avoiding it; but while the Northern Liberties and Penn Township rail road, or the Southwark rail road offer him the means of depositing his goods on the Schuylkill or Delaware free from such charges, it requires no stretch of imagination to discover that before long the termination of these rail roads will attract the whole trade towards them; and that Market street and the city front on the Delaware will be, if not wholly abandoned, at least very materially injured in value. It is in our power however to avoid this contingency by the timely adoption of a judicious system of branch rail roads, which shall diffuse the prosperity over the whole city. In such undertakings it is only the first step which occasions hesitation or alarm: this first difficulty overcome, the progress from step to step follows with rapidity and success. It might have been deemed unbecoming the prudent and cautious disposition which usually attends our city legislation, if the Councils had on the first execution of the Broad street rail road extended it to the Delaware and Schuylkill. No doubt can be entertained however that the work would have proved a highly beneficial one and at this time when the experience of the Broad street rail road has made it a popular work at home, and when analogous results have been obtained in the adjoining districts of Philadelphia and in distant cities, by the construction of similar work

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it would be unworthy of the liberal and enlightened course of legislation which should characterize a community like ours, were we to hesitate in pushing those advantages to their legitimate limits.

With a view to prepare the public mind for measures of this kind, and to concentrate upon the subject the views of enlightened and experienced men, the Select and Common Councils, by a resolution passed on the of last, referred it to a commission, composed of citizens, not members of Councils, and not specially interested in the advancement of any particular scheme, but having a deep stake in the welfare and prosperity of the City. The elaborate report of that commission, made on the 13th of May last, precludes the necessity of entering at large into the merits of a work of this kind, but the committee adopt the language as well as the sentiment of that commission when they add, that they "Cannot too emphatically express their conviction, that a communication of the kind referred to in the resolution of Councils, is indispensably necessary to maintain the present prosperity of the city, and to secure for her the prospective benefits of those vast public improvements to which her money and her enterprize have so liberally contributed. To omit the making of such an improvement would be to reject a rich harvest already growing upon her threshold, and to build up the prosperity of the adjoining districts at the expense of every owner of property within her borders."

Influenced by these views, entertaining no narrow jealousy of the prosperity of the adjoining districts which they consider as closely connected with the wealth and prosperity of the city of Philadelphia; but convinced that it is the duty of the City authorities specially to foster those measures which may tend to advance the prosperity of their immediate constituents, the committee on public highways recommend to Councils, the commencement of branch rail-ways from Broad street to the Delaware and Schuylkill; and with a view to an immediate action on the subject, they propose to commence the work by a rail-road from Broad to Eighth street, in High street. The number of petitioners who have applied for this improvement, the width of High street, its being unencumbered with markets between Delaware Eighth and Broad streets, the large block of stores on the Girard square, owned by the city, and which are for the most part still unoccupied—all these considerations make it, in the opinion of the committee, desirable that the work should be commenced at this point. By the time this is completed, or even sooner, public attention will have been awakened

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to the subject, and the voice of public opinion will indicate the route which should be adopted in the further extension of this work. With a view, therefore, to bring this subject before Councils, the committee report the draft of "An ordinance, providing for the construction of a double track rail-road along High street, from Broad to Delaware Eighth street," and respectfully recommend it to the attention of Councils.

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THOMAS LANCASTER,
MERRIT CANBY,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
W. H. KEATING,
J. ROACH.

Committee on Public Highways.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Accompanied by a bill entitled "An ordinance for the construction of a double track rail-road along High street, from Broad to Delaware Eighth street."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That a branch from the Columbia rail-road in Broad street, be constructed along High street to Delaware Eighth street, with double tracks throughout, of the same width as the Columbia rail-road.

Sec. 2. Be it ordained, &c. That the rails of the said road shall be laid level with the surface of the stone pavement, and that no deviation shall be made therefrom, so as to alter or derange the present regulation of the streets through which it shall pass, except that the stone pavement may be raised or lowered from the gutters to the centre of the street, so as to afford a more perfect level for the rail-way. Provided, the same can be done without impairing the street, interrupting the free passage of the water, or incommoding the travel thereon.

Sec. 3. The rail-road shall be constructed under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways. The said committee shall have authority, if necessary, to employ a competent engineer, cause proper places to be made in said rail-road for turning off, and for the purpose of travelling on either tract at such points and in such manner as they may deem most convenient, or as shall hereafter be directed by councils.

Sec. 4. The sum of dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying this ordinance into effect, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for such sums as may be approved

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ecution of this ordinance. Which was read once and laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland, chairman of the same committee, read in his place a paper containing his dissent from the report, which was laid on the table:

The committee on public highways to whom was referred the report of the commissioners on rail-roads and tramways, together with the petition of sundry farmers and others, praying for a rail-road to be laid down from Broad street to the river Delaware through some central part of the city, having concluded by a majority to report favourably thereon so far as respects commencing the work, and the opinion of the chairman of the committee differing materially from the conclusion of his colleagues, he asks leave of Council to state a few reasons in the briefest form, for withholding his sanction to the report:

He is opposed to reporting favourably, because, as he will hereafter show, there exists no positive necessity for a rail-road being brought through the heart of the City, but rather the reverse, in order that the crowded streets of this great and growing emporium may be kept as unincumbered as possible, for the free passage, as at present, of all vehicles either of burden or pleasure, and that the increased liability of danger to the lives and limbs of the citizens may be avoided.

Because, great injustice would be done by forcing the rail-road upon any of the great streets which run East from Broad street; nearly all those streets, except High street, being occupied by private dwellings and retail stores, the interests, comforts, and advantages of whose inhabitants must be greatly abridged thereby.

Because, if taken along High street, the market houses must eventually be removed, [as the proposed termination at Eighth street, can only be considered as temporary, and preparatory to its continuation down that street to the Delaware as indicated by the commissioners;] for to take it along the sides of the market houses as they now stand, would block up the street so as to ruin it for the general trade which now exists there. The plan would also effectually bar the further erection of market houses westward in High street, which the undersigned would especially regret, as he considers it highly important to the convenience of all classes of the community, that this central street should be kept open, for the location of market houses and stands forever.

Because, if continued through High street, turn outs would be required by various merchants, which together with the main rails would cause the street to be so much cut up and thronged

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with trains of cars, that it must be shunned by other vehicles, thus doing great injustice to those traders of Market street whose business would not be benefitted by the rail-road, and who are by far the most numerous class; besides as all stores could not be depots, the expenses of portorage must still be incurred, to collect goods and load the cars as at present. Further, the citizens of Philadelphia would never consent to see the main artery of their city, that well adapted location for wholesome competition in provision, the moving cause of the unexampled prosperity of High street, our boasted market houses prostrated, for the purpose of placing a rail-road on their ruins; and they are not yet prepared to encounter the expense of more than a million of dollars, to purchase new scites for market houses and erect them thereon.

Because, as the water pipes and gas pipes are now laid along High street and other principal streets, the rail-road would be found seriously to interfere with them, in taking up the street to make connections with delivery pipes or general repairs. It must also be evident, that alterations in the grading of any street running East and West through which the rail-road may pass, must be made to accommodate it, which would prove an expensive and interminable difficulty as to water-courses, besides causing great injury to private property.

But a location exists to which the above objections will not materially apply:—A connection it is believed may be effected with the Willow street rail-road and brought along Delaware Avenue, which would answer the main and prominent purpose, of transporting the produce of the interior to Delaware wharves. And in the opinion of the undersigned, the trade from the interior is not yet so pressing, as to make it a matter of actual necessity for a rail-road track to be laid through the city, until Delaware Avenue can be completed, and public opinion consulted, whether a union with the Willow street rail-road along that Avenue, would not be expedient and attainable.

Finally, there are many great interests to be protected besides those of Trade, and although anxiously desirous to yield every just facility thereto, the undersigned is opposed to yielding all to trade, especially when its demands interfere so decidedly as it is his impression a rail road, through any one of our principal streets would, with the comforts, rights, and safety of the citizens generally. It would be totally out of place in the crowded thoroughfares of a great city, and in effect would benefit a few at the expense of the many, and against a tendency to this principle he always will protest.

The above hasty remarks are submitted with much deference

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by the member, but deeming it only justice to himself to explain the causes of his dissent from the report, he has endeavored to do so. If his views prove to be the result of prejudice he is open to conviction, and will rejoice to have them dispelled: having no other object than the general good of his native city.

JAMES ROWLAND,

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Ch. Com. Pub. Highways.

Mr. Thomason moved that two hundred and fifty copies of each report be printed, which was lost.

Mr. Rowland from the committee on public highways, presented a report, accompanied by a bill, viz.

The committee to whom was referred a supplement to an ordinance, to regulate the travelling and providing for the superintendence of Broad street rail road,

REPORT,

And find that by the Act of Assembly, passed March 21, 1831, (see Digest, p. 205,) the corporation of the city is authorized to receive tolls on that road at the same rates as are chargeable on the Columbia rail-road, and by an ordinance of councils passed February 27, 1834, (see Digest, p. 206,) the Mayor is authorized to appoint a superintendent or collector for that purpose.

Since the completion of the road, a superintendent has been employed at a salary of three hundred and sixty dollars per annum, but so far as the committee can learn, he has never felt authorized to exact tolls; he has, however, made regular periodical returns to the City Treasurer of the trips of cars upon the road.

The committee find that the cost of the road is in round numbers,

	\$25,000
The interest upon which, at 5 per cent. is -	1,250
The superintendent's salary, -	360
The average annual wear, -	250

Making the cost per annum, - \$1,810

From all the information the committee can obtain, they find that the rise in the value of real estate immediately on the line of the road since its completion, has been such as fully to justify the belief that the advance of taxes on Broad street alone, is more than sufficient to cover the interest of the cost and incidental expenses of the road. It should be borne in mind, too, that this property continues to advance.

As it has been thought by the committee, that it ought to be no part of the policy of the city to exact any thing more of the citizens than is necessary to meet expenditures on improvements, and as the collection of tolls will lead occasionally to vexatious

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difficulties, the committee recommend that the collection of tolls on the Broad street rail-road be abolished. That the views of the committee may be fully understood, they suggest the annexed ordinance, to be reported to councils for their adoption.

JAMES ROWLAND,
JOHN WIEGAND,
THOS. LANCASTER,
W. H. KEATING,
J. ROACH,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
MERRIT CANBY.

Supplement to an ordinance, entitled an ordinance, to regulate the travelling and providing for the superintendence of Broad street rail-road:

Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, that so much of an ordinance passed February 27, 1834, as provides for the collection of toll on the Broad street rail-road, be repealed.

Whereupon the said bill was read once and laid on the table.

Ordered that Council proceed to the election of three managers of the Will's hospital for the indigent, blind and lame. Whereupon Messrs. Wright and Rowland were appointed tellers, and the votes being collected, counted, and reported to the President, he declared that

Benjamin H. Yarnall,	having nineteen votes,
Frederick Erringer	“ eighteen “
Isaac Elliott	“ eighteen “

they were duly elected managers of the Will's hospital for three years.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had elected to be managers of the Will's hospital for three years,

Messrs. Samuel English,
William Thomason,
Dr. M. C. Shallcross.

Mr. Stacey moved that Council proceed to the second reading of the bill for constructing rail-ways, which was ordered.

Ordered that said bill be committed to committee of the whole. Mr. Wm. T. Smith in the chair.

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After some time, Council resumed. Chairman reported progress, and asked leave for committee to sit again on Thursday next, which was granted.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the committee on city property, upon the petition of Hope Hose Company for the exclusive use of room in Second street market, and remonstrances against it, and had discharged the committee from further consideration thereof. Common Council concurred.

Stating further that Select Council had received another report from same committee concerning certain expenditures, and transmitted the same for the information of this Council.

Stating further that Select Council had passed a resolution directing the committee on city property to cause certain public buildings to be lighted with gas. Common Council concurred.

Stating further that Select Council had passed a resolution:

Whereas, anxiety is felt, and has been expressed by many respectable citizens, that by the erection of the very expensive almshouse in Blockley, great numbers of paupers will flock to this city from various parts, thereby materially increasing the already heavy poor rates to the great injury of the inhabitants of the city and liberties of Philadelphia. Therefore,

Resolved, that a joint select committee of two members of the Select and Common Councils be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the poor laws, and to report such measures as may in their opinion, tend to prevent an increase of pauperism in the city and liberties, and to produce a reduction in the amount of poor tax.

Select Council appointed Messrs. Keating and Wetherill.

Common Council concurred, and appointed Messrs. Earp and Fraley.

Stating further, that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled "A supplement to an ordinance, making appropriations for the expenses of the Girard lands out of the city and county."

And it being ordered that the same be considered, it was, therefore, read a first and second time, and then it was duly ordered to be read a third time by its title, and being so read, the title was ordered to stand as read; and on the question, shall this bill pass? it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present, Messrs. Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rowland,	Wright.

Messrs. Rowland, Warner, Sailor, and Thomason presented remonstrances against the construction of a rail-way, in High street.

Mr. Fraley a petition of property holders and of persons engaged in business in High street, praying for the construction of a rail-way, in that street.

Which were referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Gilder presented a petition praying for the repaving of certain parts of Broad street, which was referred to committee on public highways, with power to act.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gilder moved that Council go into committee of the whole.

Whereupon, Mr. Earp moved the following resolutions:

Whereas, the security and promotion of the trade of the city of Philadelphia, are objects of the first importance, and the facilities now afforded for the reception and distribution of the increasing commerce of the great internal improvement of the state, are not calculated to extend its benefits to the Eastern part of the city.

Therefore Resolved, by the Select and Common Council, That it is expedient to commence the construction of a rail-way forthwith, beginning at the intersection of Broad and High streets, and to be continued eastward, through High street to Delaware Third street, thence Southward, along Third street to Dock street, and through Dock street to the Drawbridge landing.

Resolved, That the committee on public highways be instructed to report an ordinance providing for the construction of the said rail-way, on the basis of a plan herewith submitted, with a double track so located in High street, east of Delaware Eighth street, as not to interfere with the accommodations now

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afforded by the present market houses, and that they present an estimate of the cost of said rail-way.

Resolved, That the committee on city property be instructed to report an ordinance providing for such alterations in the present market houses, as may be necessary to permit the construction of the rail-way, providing the same extent of accommodations as are now afforded for markets, with an estimate of the cost of such alterations.

And the same being under consideration, Mr. Hinchman moved to substitute for the same the following, viz.

Resolved, That the committee on public highways, be instructed to enquire into and report upon the practicability and expediency of constructing a rail-road along Ninth street, so as to connect the proposed rail-road along Market street, with the Northern Liberties and Penn Township and the Philadelphia and Norristown rail-roads.

And the question being taken thereon it was lost.

Mr. Gilder moved to amend by adding the following:

Resolved, That the committee on public highways, be instructed to inquire and report to Councils the expense of a rail-road down Filbert street to Eighth street, down Eighth to Walnut, along Walnut street to Dock street, along said street to the river Delaware.

Which was lost.

And the question being about to be taken on Mr. Earp's resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered and were,

Yeas.—Messrs. Earp, Fraley, Hinchman, Marshall, Otis, Wm. T. Smith, Ch. S. Smith, Cor. S. Smith, Stacey, Troth Wright,—11.

Noes.—Darragh, Gilder, Lancaster, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason, Warner,—7.

So they were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rowland, committee of the whole were discharged, and petitions laid on the table.

A message was received from Select Council stating that Select Council had passed a resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on public highways, be instructed to inquire into the relative cost and advantages of paving the streets and alleys with wooden blocks, and that they be authorized, if they deem it proper, to try the experiment of such paving.

Which was read and Common Council concurred.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present, all the members.

A communication from the City Commissioners was received, and read as follows:

*City Commissioners' Office, }
Dec. 3rd, 1835. }*

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—

The City Commissioners respectfully report to Council, that the following number of permits have been granted for placing building materials for the erection of new buildings during the present year; and that the said buildings are of the several descriptions and in the several streets designated, viz:

Three story dwellings,	191	Three story insurance office,	1
Four story stores,	76	Malt house,	1
Four story dwellings,	73	Two story steam mill,	1
Three story stores,	11	Two story shops,	9
Two story dwellings,	15	Green houses,	3
Two story stores,	6	Two story coach houses,	2
Five story factory,	1	Two story bake house,	1
Four story manufactory,	1	Two story stables,	6
Six story manufactory,	1	One story counting houses,	5
Five story hotel,	1	Two story offices,	3
Five story dwellings,	5	One story stores,	2
Six story store,	1	One story shops,	2
Five story store,	1	One story offices,	5
Four story school house,	1	One story factory,	1
Three story orphan house,	1	Three story back buildings,	10
Three story engine house,	1	Two story back buildings,	18
One story library—(addition),	1	One story back buildings,	8
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The said buildings are situated on the following streets:

Front street,	9	Perry street,	4
Second street,	13	Juniper street,	4
Third street,	11	St. Mary street,	1
Fourth street,	10	Hunter's Court,	3
Fifth street,	4	Zane street,	2
Carried over,			57
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Brought forward,	57	Dock street,	3
Sixth street,	6	Gebhart street,	1
Seventh street,	19	Beech street,	2
Eighth street,	13	South alley,	1
Ninth street,	7	Franklin place,	5
Tenth street,	8	Commerce street,	11
Eleventh street,	5	Minor street,	4
Twelfth street,	10	Decatur street,	2
Thirteenth street,	5	Latitia court,	1
Broad street,	11	Church alley,	4
Schuylkill Eighth street,	4	Morgan street,	3
Schuylkill Seventh street,	2	Washington street, between	
Schuylkill Sixth street,	1	Eleventh and Twelfth,	1
Vine street,	12	Girard street,	20
Sassafras street,	19	Oak street,	2
Cherry street,	7	Little Water street,	1
Mulberry street,	6	Chancellor street,	2
Filbert street,	5	Lemon street,	3
High street,	36	Green street,	2
Chesnut street,	25	St. James street,	1
George street,	7	Branch street,	1
Walnut street,	15	Greenleaf's court,	2
Locust street,	1	Willow street,	1
Spruce street,	17	Elfrith's alley,	1
Pine street,	26	Prune street,	1
Lombard street,	19	Water street,	1
Cedar street,	24	Gaskill street,	1
North street,	4	Alley, Thirteenth street, be-	
Bonsall street,	3	low Walnut,	1
New street,	2	Bennet street,	1
Washington street,	2	Ann street,	2
Hunter street,	1	Jones's street,	1

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Respectfully submitted,

By order of the City Commissioners,

ROBERT H. SMITH,

City Clerk.

And the same was laid on the table.

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A memorial from the board of trade, in favour of a rail way down Market street, was received, read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Lancaster presented a petition from Christopher Goode, praying Councils to employ him in making a stone pavement. Which was referred to committee on Public Highways.

Messrs. Chas. S. Smith, Wright, Rawle, Wm. T. Smith, Earp, Thomason, Cor. S. Smith, Fraley, Hinchman, presented memorials and petitions for a rail way down High street.

Mr. Otis presented a petition from the West Philadelphia Rail Road Company, to continue their rail road across the Permanent Bridge and down High street. Which was referred to committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from a committee of the inhabitants of Blockley, relative to the making of the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge, a free bridge. Which was referred to a special committee of two members of each Council.

Common Council appointed Messrs. Wright and Otis.

Select Council concurred, and appointed Messrs. McCredy and Chandler.

Mr. Fraley from the committee on Finance, made a

REPORT.

To the Select and Common Council:

The Committee of Finance report:

That they have had under consideration the resolution of Councils, directing them to inquire into the propriety of fixing the salaries of the officers of Councils, at such rates as to remove the inducement to the practice of making extra allowances to them at the close of the year.

The salaries of *the Clerks of Councils* in 1797, were three hundred dollars per annum; in 1815, an increase to four hundred dollars was made; in 1819, reduced to three hundred dollars; and in 1824, fixed at the present rate of three hundred and fifty dollars per annum; but in consequence of increased duties, a sense of justice has induced Councils, for several years, to pay them an extra allowance of two hundred dollars. It is now proposed to fix their salaries at the sums actually paid them, say five hundred and fifty dollars.

The Messenger of Councils since 1815, has received a salary of two hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum; but of late,

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an extra allowance of seventy-five dollars per annum has been granted; and the view of the committee is to fix his salary at the three hundred dollars actually paid.

Your committee, therefore, submit "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the Clerks and Messenger of Councils."

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FRED. FRALEY,
RICHARD PRICE,
CHAS. MARSHALL,
WILLIAM T. SMITH,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
WM. RAWLE, JR.
HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

Which was read and laid on the table; and also the bill therein referred to, entitled

"An ordinance fixing the salaries of the Clerks and Messenger of Councils."

Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, that the Clerk of the Select Council, the Clerk of the Common Council, and the assistant Clerk of Councils, shall each receive a salary of five hundred and fifty dollars per annum; and the Messenger of Councils, a salary of three hundred dollars per annum. The said salaries commencing with the 16th day of October, 1835, and payable quarterly.

Which was forthwith read a first time, and then a second time, and was then specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, the title was ordered to stand as read; and on the question, "shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith moved, and it was ordered that so much of the memorial from the board of trade as referred to the erection of tobacco warehouses be referred to committee on City Property.

Mr. Rowland from the committee on Public Highways, made a report, agreeably to resolution of Councils:

The committee on Public Highways herewith submit an

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ordinance for the construction of a rail road from Broad street to the Delaware, through High, Third, and Dock streets.

The cost of this road will be \$42.040, assuming as the basis of the calculation, the cost of the Broad street road.

The whole length of the Broad street road, from Vine to South street, is 5382 feet, which cost \$29.806.40, the length of the proposed road will be 7542 feet.

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JOHN P. WETHERILL,
JOHN WIEGAND,
J. ROACH,
MERRIT CANBY,
THOMAS LANCASTER,
DAVIS B. STACEY.

And presented the bill therein referred to, entitled

"An ordinance to construct a branch of the Philadelphia and Columbia rail road from Broad street to the river Delaware, and for the alteration and improvement of certain market houses."

1. *Sec. 1.* Be it, &c. That a branch from the Philadelphia and Columbia rail road shall be curved into and constructed along the middle of High street, from Broad street to Eighth street, with double tracks, and by a single track on each side of the market houses from Eighth street to Third street, along Third street through the middle of Dock street, with double tracks to the Delaware avenue; the tracks of said road shall be constructed of the same width as the Philadelphia and Columbia rail road, with stone sills and iron rails throughout.

2. *Sec. 2.* The rails of said road shall be laid level with the surface of the stone pavement, and no deviation shall be made therefrom, so as to derange or alter the present regulation of the streets through which it shall pass, except that the stone pavement may be raised or lowered from the gutters, so as to afford a more perfect level for the rail way: Provided the same can be done without injuring the streets, interrupting the free passage of the water, or incommoding the travelling thereon.

3. *Sec. 3.* The rail road shall be constructed under the direction of the committee on Public Highways; the said committee shall be authorized to employ a competent engineer, cause proper places to be made for turning off from the same at such points and in such manner as they may deem most convenient, or as shall hereafter be directed by Councils.

4. *Sec. 4.* The sum of _____ be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the object set forth in this ordinance into effect; and the mayor is hereby authorized

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to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for such sums as may be approved of by the committees charged with the execution of this ordinance.

Which was read a first time.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the committee of arrangement on Mr. Binney's Eulogy on Chief Justice Marshall, and had passed a resolution directing the bills incurred, to be referred to committee on Finance for auditing and settlement.

Stating further, that Select Council had passed Mr. Earp's resolutions relative to rail ways down High street, with an amendment, striking out city property, and inserting public highways in second resolution. Common Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley moved that Council proceed to second reading of bill above mentioned, and after some debate, moved that when Council adjourn it adjourn to next Thursday, which was carried.

And then the Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 8, 1835.

Councils met, according to law, at 4 o'clock, to elect Directors of the Poor Tax.

Present, Messrs. Canby,	Sailor,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Stacey,
Hinchman,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rawle,	Wright.

On motion, leave was granted to Mr. Fraley to move that Common Council concur with Select Council in the Resolution sent from Select Council at the last meeting, to refer bills against the Committee on the occasion of Mr. Binney's eulogium on the late Chief Justice of the United States, to the Committee on Finance, for auditing and settlement.

Which was carried.

On motion, leave was granted to Mr. Wright to read in his place a Bill entitled,

"An Ordinance, making an appropriation to defray the expenses of building the Girard College for Orphans:

"Be it ordained, &c. That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Girard Fund, for the purpose of building the Girard College for Orphans."

Which was then read a second time, title considered, and ordered to stand as read.—Specially ordered to be read a third time; and being so read, on the question "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed, and sent to Select Council for concurrence.

Ordered, that Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting, to elect six Directors of the Poor Tax.

Whereupon the President, Clerk, and members of the Select Council were announced, entered, and took their seats.

The President stated the object of the Convention, and appointed Mr. Keating Teller.

The President of Common Council appointed Mr. Wright Teller.

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And the votes being collected and counted, were reported to the President, who declared that

Peter Wright	had twenty-one votes,	-	21
Fred. Fraley	do. do.	-	21
Henry Troth	do. do.	-	21
H. J. Williams	do. do.	-	21
Wm. H. Keating	do. do.	-	21
J. Wiegand	do. do.	-	21

And were therefore each duly elected.

Whereupon the Convention was dissolved. Select Council retired.

And Council adjourned.

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Present, all the members.

Mr. Cor. S. Smith presented a petition from the Washington Fire Company, for a site for a building for their apparatus. Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Sailor presented the resolutions passed at a meeting of the citizens of North Mulberry Ward, against the rail road in High street. Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Wright presented the Remonstrance of sundry citizens against a rail-way down Market street. Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Fraley offered a preamble and resolutions, relative to Peale's Museum, which were read and adopted—and sent to the Select Council for concurrence. (See minutes of S. C. of this day.)

Mr. Rowland, from the committee on Public Highways, made a

REPORT.

The committee on Public Highways herewith submit the plans which have governed them in their deliberations on the proposed rail way and the ordinance submitted for its construction. The cost of it, assuming as the basis of the calculation the cost of the Broad street rail road, will not exceed \$42,040.

The cost of erecting new Market Houses, upon the plan herewith submitted, will be \$6,000 each square,—the contractor or contractors to have all the old materials in the present market houses.

JOHN WIEGAND,
W. H. KEATING,
J. ROACH,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
MERRIT CANBY,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
THOS. LANCASTER.

Which was read and laid on the table. And presented a bill, entitled

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“An Ordinance for building new Market Houses from Delaware Third to Eighth street:”

SEC. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the Commissioner on City Property, under the direction of the committee on City Property, contract for, and cause to be erected as soon as possible after the passage of this ordinance, new Market Houses between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, upon the sites occupied by the present market houses, the contractor or contractors to take the materials in the present buildings in part pay.

SEC. 2. Be it ordained, &c. That it shall be the duty of the said commissioner to have the roofs of the proposed market houses supported on iron columns; the width of the building and stalls to be made conformably to a plan herewith submitted.

Which was read once, and laid on the table.

Ordered, that Council resolve itself into a committee of the whole on a bill relative to a rail way down Market street. (See minutes of Dec. 3.) Mr. Rowland, being called to the chair, requested to be, and was, excused. Mr. Gilder, being called, took the chair.

And after some time the committee rose, and the chairman reported the bill with sundry amendments, viz:

In Sec. 1, striking out the words “Third street through the middle of Dock;” and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words “the middle of Third street, with a single track to Dock street, and along the middle of Dock.”

Striking out Sec. 4, and inserting:

“SEC. 4. The committee on City Property are hereby authorised and required to contract for and cause to be erected, as soon as possible after the passage of this ordinance, new market houses between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, upon the sites occupied by the present market houses, the contractor or contractors to take the materials in the present buildings in part payment for the same.

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"SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the said committee to have the roofs of the proposed market houses supported on iron columns,—the width of said houses not to exceed nineteen feet, the stalls to be erected back to back in the centre, or along the sides of said market houses in such manner and form as in the opinion of said committee will best adapt the same to public convenience and usefulness.

"SEC. 6. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the object set forth in this ordinance into effect."

Whereupon the same was ordered to be read a second time, and the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th sections being read, were adopted. And the 5th section being read, Mr. Fraley moved to insert at the end thereof, the words,

"Provided, that persons occupying stalls or stands, shall, when leaving them, remove therefrom all blocks, benches, tubs, baskets, and other property used by them; or those occupying stalls, may secure such property beneath them by strong chains and locks. The movable posts and bars, where such shall be used, shall in like manner be secured in the places provided for them by the persons occupying such stalls." Which was ordered.

And the 5th section was read as amended and adopted. And the 6th section being read, it was moved and ordered to strike out all after the word "effect."

And the section was read as amended, and adopted.

Ordered, that the title be amended by adding thereto the words, "and for the alteration and improvement of certain market houses."

And the bill was then read a third time, and on the question "Shall this bill pass?" The yeas and noes were ordered, and were,

Yeas,—Messrs. Canby, Earp, Fraley, Hinchman, Lancaster,

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Marshall, Otis, Rawle, Wm. T. Smith, Ch. S. Smith, Cor. S Smith, Stacey, Troth, Wright,—14.

Noes,—Messrs. Gilder, Rowland, Sailor, Warner,—4.

So the bill passed.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Canby,	Messrs. Otis,
Darragh,	Rawle,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
	Wright.

Ordered, that an error in the printed minutes of December 10, in stating "All the members present," be corrected by stating the absence of Mr. Thomason.

Ordered, that an error in printing "twenty-five thousand" in last section of bill relative to Rail Road down Market street, instead of "seventy-five thousand," be noted and corrected in proceedings of this meeting.

Mr. Thomason asked leave to move that his vote be inserted in the minority on the Rail Road bill, he having been absent at the last meeting. And the same not being agreed to, he withdrew his request.

Mr. Fraley, from the Finance Committee, made a

REPORT.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance having had under consideration the present inadequate compensation of the Mayor of the City, Report:

That in the year 1805, his salary was fixed at two thousand dollars per annum, and continued at that rate until 1816, when it was raised to three thousand dollars, and so remained until 1819, since which time it has been only two thousand dollars per annum. With the growth of the City and the extension of the population, the duties of the office have unavoidably much increased; and latterly, by the services required under the Ordinances for the management of the Girard Trusts, they have been rendered still more burthensome. It has heretofore been supposed that the Mayor was entitled to certain fees, as an Alderman, and an impression has extensively prevailed that

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these contingents of the office were of considerable amount. A recent examination has satisfied the Committee that the amount he is now authorized to receive for such services is comparatively very small, and they therefore deem it preferable to direct such fees to be accounted for and paid into the City Treasury, and that the salary should be fixed at a definite sum.— Under these views the Committee recommend that the compensation made to the Mayor of the City should be three thousand dollars per annum; a sum, in their opinion, not more than sufficient to enable him to meet the expenses incident to the office of Chief Magistrate of the City; and therefore submit

An Ordinance, fixing the Salary of the Mayor of the City.

FRED. FRALEY,
 RICHARD PRICE,
 CHAS. MARSHALL,
 WM. RAWLE, JR.
 HENRY J. WILLIAMS,
 LAWRENCE LEWIS.

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Which was read and laid on the table.

And presented a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance, fixing the Salary of the Mayor of the City.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled:

That the annual compensation of the Mayor of the City shall be Three Thousand Dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and commencing on the 20th day of October, 1835. Provided, that all fees hereafter received by the Mayor as a Police Magistrate shall be accounted for and paid into the City Treasury, and that so much of any Ordinance as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Fraley offered the following Preamble and Resolution:

Whereas, by recent information from the city of New York, it appears that a large and valuable portion of that city has been destroyed by fire, and whereas such an extensive calamity is calculated not only to excite our warmest sympathy for the suf-

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ferers, but the active benevolence of our citizens for their relief,

Therefore, Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to call a Town Meeting of the Citizens of Philadelphia, in order that the proper measures may be taken to relieve our suffering fellow citizens of New York, from the effects of the recent conflagration in that city.

Which were adopted and sent to Select Council.

Mr. Stacey offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, that they have heard with unfeigned feelings of regret, that a destructive and wide spread conflagration has occurred in one of the most active seats of business in our sister city of New York, and that they deplore it as a calamity most affecting to the immediate sufferers, and to the community at large throughout the United States.

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Presidents of the New York City Councils, and to express to the citizens of New York, through them, the deep sympathy felt throughout this community, at the distressing intelligence which has been received, and their disposition to adopt such measures as may alleviate the distress arising from the calamity.

Which were adopted and also sent to Select Council.

And Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Thomason offered the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Preamble.—Whereas, the offices in the gift of the Corporation require for their performance various talents and qualifications, and the salaries affixed to the same have not hitherto been graduated by any fixed scale or just principles:

And Whereas, in some cases the salaries are not adequate to the duties performed, and responsibilities incurred, and applications are frequently made for extra allowances and additional compensation:

And Whereas, some salaries are increased by perquisites and

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fees, which are fluctuating in amount, and unsuitable as a recompense for services performed:—Therefore,

Resolved, That a Select Committee of four members from Common Council and three from Select Council be appointed, to inquire into and ascertain the nature of the duties, the amount of the security for the faithful performance of those duties, and the salary and value of perquisites and fees, of every officer employed by the Corporation.

Resolved, That said Committee be empowered to report by an Ordinance, graduating the salaries by the nature of the duties, and the securities for faithful performance; and providing, that all fees and perquisites of office shall henceforth be paid into the hands of the City Treasurer, for the use of the Corporation.

Which were read and negatived.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 24, 1835.

Present Messrs. Canby,	Rawle,
Darragh,	Rowland,
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
	Wright.

The President laid before Council a communication from the Zelesophic Society of the University, requesting the presence of Council at the annual oration. Ordered that the same be accepted.

Also a communication from Richard Peters, relative to the formation of a basin above and on west side of Fair Mount, and a Rail Road therefrom. Which was read and referred to the Watering Committee.

Messrs. Thomason and Canby presented petitions and memorials relative to Steam Engines. Which were ordered to be referred to a joint special committee of three members of each Council.

The President appointed Messrs. Canby, Thomason, and Fraley.

Select Council concurred, and appointed Messrs. Chandler, Keating, and Wetherill.

Mr. Fraley presented memorials against a Market House in High, between Eighth and Ninth streets. Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition for a Wharf at Locust street, on Schuylkill. And

Mr. Wright presented a memorial from the Victuallers. Both of which were referred to committee on City Property.

Mr. Rawle from the committee on Legacies and Trusts, presented a

REPORT.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The committee on Legacies and Trusts, Report—

That by the will of the late Stephen Girard, the sum of ten thousand dollars is given to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia, to be safely invested in some productive fund, the

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interest and dividends of which are directed to be applied to the purchase of fuel to be distributed among poor white house-keepers, and room keepers residing in the city of Philadelphia: That by a resolution of the Commissioners of the Girard estates, the committee on Legacies and Trusts were requested "to distribute the wood bequeathed by Stephen Girard in the manner directed by his will," which the committee agreed to do: That the fund appropriated by Mr. Girard for this purpose having been considerably overdrawn last year, there is a corresponding deficiency this year, in consequence of which, the committee have found themselves unable to extend relief to many suffering and meritorious persons in the class designated as the objects of the testator's bounty. Under these circumstances, and taking into view also, the unusual severity of the season, the committee have felt it their duty to ask of Councils, an appropriation to supply the existing deficiency in the fund referred to. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the subjoined ordinance.

WM. RAWLE, JR. *Chr'n.*

HENRY J. WILLIAMS,

W. H. KEATING,

JOHN THOMASON,

J. ROACH,

THOS. DUNLAP,

JAMES ROWLAND.

Which was read and laid on the table.

And a bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the purchase of fuel for the poor."

Be it ordained and enacted, &c. That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the committee on Legacies and Trusts, to be by them applied to the purchase of fuel, to be distributed under their direction among that class of poor persons, described in the fifth section of the will of the late Stephen Girard.

Which was read a first and then a second time.

Mr. Hinchman moved to strike out two hundred, and insert one hundred and thirty-eight. Which was ordered.

And upon the question "Shall the bill be read a third time?" the ayes and noes were ordered, and were,

Ayes.—Messrs. Darragh, Fraley, Hinchman, Lancaster, Marshall, Otis, Rawle, Rowland, Wm. T. Smith, Cor. S. Smith, Ch. S. Smith, Stacey, Thomason, Wright,—14.

Noes.—Messrs. Canby, Earp, Gilder, Troth,—4.

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So the same was read a third time. Title amended by striking out word "provide," and inserting in lieu thereof, "supply deficiency in the fund."

And on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed, and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

Ordered that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill relative to Mayor's salary, whereupon the same was read a second time; title ordered to stand as read; read a third time, and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" the same was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed the bill relative to Rail Road down Market street, with amendments.

Ordered that the same be considered, and they were then concurred in.

Mr. Rowland moved to amend by inserting at the end of the third section, "and on Sabbath days," whereupon the yeas and noes were ordered; and were,

Yeas.—Messrs. Gilder, Rowland,—2.

Noes.—Messrs. Canby, Darragh, Earp, Fraley, Hinchman, Lancaster, Marshall, Rawle, Wm. T. Smith, Cor. S. Smith, Ch. S. Smith, Stacey, Thomason, Troth, Warner, Wright,—16.

So it was lost.

Mr. Fraley, from the Committee of Finance, asked and had leave to introduce a bill, entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance, entitled 'An ordinance providing for the appointment of a Treasurer of the corporation, providing his duties and ascertaining his pay.'"

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, that from and after the passing of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the City Treasurer to keep his office open for the transaction of the business thereof, from nine o'clock in the forenoon till two o'clock in the afternoon of each and every day; Sundays, the first day of January, the fourth of July, and Christmas day excepted.

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Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, that so much of any ordinance or ordinances, heretofore passed as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Gilder moved to amend by striking out "two o'clock," and inserting "three o'clock," which was lost. Whereupon it was duly ordered that the same be read a third time, and being read, title was ordered to stand as read, and on the question "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Otis offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it is announced that Joseph McIlvaine, Esq. has resigned the office of Recorder of this city; and whereas, he has, in the opinion of Councils, discharged the duties of that high and respectable station with great ability, fidelity, and impartiality,

Therefore, Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, that they entertain a high sense of the talents, integrity, and public services of Joseph McIlvaine, Esq., also of his character and private virtues as a citizen, and deeply regret that his official connexion with the corporation has been brought to a close by his resignation.

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils be directed to communicate a copy of the above preamble and resolutions to Joseph McIlvaine, Esq.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled a "Supplement to the Ordinance relating to Second street Market places." Which was read a first time.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present, Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.
Rawle,	

The President being absent, by indisposition,

Mr. Gilder was called to the Chair.

Mr. Thomason presented a petition from the City Watch, praying for an increase of wages. And

Mr. Wm. T. Smith a petition from Levi Hopper, Turnkey of N. W. Police Station, praying the same.

Both of which were referred to the Police Committee.

Mr. Fraley, from the Finance Committee, made a Report:

The Committee on Finance,

Having been informed by the Committee on Police that the appropriation for defraying the expenses of their Department will be insufficient, respectfully submit the annexed Ordinance, making a further appropriation to the Committee on Police.

FRED. FRALEY,
RICHARD PRICE,
CHAS. MARSHALL,
WILLIAM T. SMITH,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

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Which was read and laid on the table. And presented a Bill, entitled

“An Ordinance making a further appropriation to the Committee on Police.”

Be it ordained, &c. That the further sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Com-

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mittee on Police for the expenses of their Department, as follows:

For Wages of the Watchmen and Police,	\$4300 00
For the purchase of Oil, - - -	5000 00
For the incidental expenses of the Police,	1700 00
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	\$11000 00
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Which was read a first and second time, and the title ordered to stand as reported; and then specially ordered to be read a third time. And being so read, on the question "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council. And Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Canby, from the Special Committee to whom were referred certain memorials, &c. relative to Steam Engines, made a

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred two petitions requesting Councils to pass an Ordinance, regulating the construction of Furnaces and Chimneys for Steam Engines; and also one asking from the same authorities an Act prohibiting the erection of Steam Engines in the densely populated part of the City, Report—

That they have had the subject committed to their charge under consideration, and having consulted with persons of experience in reference to them, they have come to the conclusion that an Ordinance prohibiting the erection of Steam Engines within the built portion of the City would be highly improper and injurious to the interests of its inhabitants generally—at the same time they concur in the sentiment that it is quite necessary some order respecting them should take place, and they express their belief that a Steam Engine, well constructed and under proper regulation, would be attended with very little if any danger. They, therefore, present for the action of Councils, the accompanying draft of an Ordinance.

Signed,

MERRIT CANBY, *Chairman.*

JOHN THOMASON,

FRED. FRALEY,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.

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Which was read and laid on the table, and also a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance regulating the construction of furnaces and chimneys for steam engines hereafter to be erected in this city.”

Be it ordained, &c.

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance, no person shall build or cause to be built, any furnace for a steam engine of not exceeding ten horse power, the walls of which shall be less than eighteen inches in thickness, and the chimneys of said furnaces shall not be less than thirteen and a half inches in thickness at the base, and thence fourteen feet upwards and of nine inches in thickness from that height to the top of said chimney.

Sec. 2. That the walls of all furnaces for engines of more than ten horse power shall not be less than twenty-two and a half inches in thickness, and the walls of the chimneys of said furnaces not less than eighteen inches in thickness at the base, and thence upwards fourteen feet, and thence to the top of said chimneys not less than nine inches in thickness, and the walls of the furnaces and chimneys mentioned in both the sections of this ordinance, shall be placed at least four inches from any division or party wall.

Sec. 3. After the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of every person owning or working a steam engine within the limits of this city, to place or cause to be placed on the top of the chimney of said engine a wire guard, the meshes of which shall not be more than three-eighths of an inch square.

Sec. 4. All persons violating the first or second sections of this ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, and those violating the third section shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars, to be recovered before any alderman of the city; and all furnaces or chimneys erected in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby declared to be nuisances.

Which was read a first and second time, the title ordered to stand as reported, then specially ordered to a third reading, and on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

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Mr. Fraley moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by ordinance, for making an assessment of the estates real and personal, and of the persons of the citizens of Philadelphia, according to law, for the purpose of raising the supplies for the year 1836.

Ordered that Council proceed to the second reading of the following ordinance.

A further Ordinance relating to Second street Market place.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled,* That the limits of the Second street Market shall include Second street from Dock to Cedar street, and Cedar street from Second to Eighth street.

SECTION 2. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the following appropriation shall be made of the respective portions of the Market houses and adjoining spaces:—The twelve Stalls of the *Central Arch*, nearest Pine street, for country people, bringing the produce of their farms to Market, and to no others, under a penalty of five dollars; and the remainder of the Stalls of the *Central Arch*, for Butchers. *The Stands* on the east side of the *Eastern Arch*, from Pine street to the Elliptic Portico, for persons from the country, bringing vegetables and other produce of their gardens to Market.

The Stalls on the west side of the *Eastern Arch*, from Pine street to the Elliptic Portico;—*The Stalls* attached to the New Market Hall;—and *The Stalls* on the east side of the *Western Arch*, from the New Market Hall to Lombard street;—for persons from the country, inhabitants of Pennsylvania, bringing the produce of their farms to Market.

The Stalls on the east side of the *Western Arch*, from Lombard street to the Elliptic Portico;—and *The Stands* on the west side of the *Western Arch*, from Pine street to the Elliptic Portico; for inhabitants of New Jersey, bringing to Market the produce of their farms and gardens.

SECTION 3. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the following shall be stations

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for horses and vehicles, on which people from the country may expose for sale the produce of their farms and gardens, free of rent.

Second street, from Dock to Pine street, on the east side, from the first of May to the first of November; and on the west side the rest of the year.

Cedar street, from Second to Eighth street, on the south side from the first of May to the first of November; and on the north side the rest of the year.

The Vehicles to be placed lengthwise, close to the curbs.

SECTION 4. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the following stations are assigned for the horses and empty vehicles, which have been employed to bring articles to Market, by persons renting stalls or stations within the Market limits:—

Cedar street, on the south side, from Front to Second street.

Fourth street, on the east side, from Lombard to Pine street.

Lombard street, on the south side, from Second to Front street, and on the north side, from Second to Third street.

Pine street, on the south side, from Front to Second street, and from Third to Fourth street.

SECTION 5. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every renter or occupier of a Stall, in either of the said Eastern, Central, or Western Arches, of said Market houses, shall, at the end of each and every Market, take down the posts and rails erected on said Stalls, and place them in the boxes, under a penalty of two dollars for every neglect or refusal.

SECTION 6. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any Ordinance which is hereby altered or supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Ch. S. Smith moved to insert at the end of first paragraph of section 2d, the following words: "Which Stands shall occupy nine feet north and south, and five feet west, commencing at the western edge of the curb stone and no more." And at the end of same section add, "Which Stands shall occupy nine feet north and south, and five feet east, commencing at the eastern edge of the curb stone and no more." Which was agreed to,

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and the title was then ordered to stand as read. And the same was then ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council for their concurrence in amendments, and Select Council concurred therein.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed the following resolution, in which Common Council concurred.

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils will assemble in joint meeting, at the first meeting in January, to elect a City Treasurer, a Treasurer of the Girard Fund, an Agent of the Girard Estates, and thirty-six Directors of Public Schools.

Stating, further, that Select Council had passed the following resolution.

Whereas, Petitions have been presented to the several houses of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, asking that a law may be passed to authorise the construction of a Canal on the west side of the river Schuylkill, from the dam at Fair Mount, to Mill creek. And, whereas, these Councils have heretofore, at a former session of the Legislature, earnestly remonstrated against the passage of such a law, believing that it would interfere with the supply of water furnished to the city and with other valuable interests of the same. And, whereas, the present Councils entirely concur with the opinion heretofore expressed by the two former Councils. Therefore,

Resolved, That the passage of such a law will be dangerous to the property and health of the citizens of Philadelphia, and that these Councils respectfully remonstrate against the same.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, signed by the Presidents of Councils, be transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Canby,	Rawle,
Darragh,	Wm. T. Smith,
Earp,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Stacey,
Marshall,	Thomason,
Otis,	Troth,
Rowland,	Wright.

The President laid before Council a communication from Mr. Cornelius Stevenson, praying to be re-appointed City Treasurer, and offering, as his sureties, Mr. George Troutman and Mr. Jacob Alter.

And also a communication from Mr. Benjamin Jones, jr., praying to be re-appointed Treasurer of the Girard Trust, and offering as his sureties, Mr. Joseph Johnson and Mr. Jonathan Leedom.

Also two communications from Mr. R. H. Smith, City Clerk, accompanying a printed statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City Commissioners for the last quarter; and of his Receipts for permits, &c. for last quarter.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Rowland presented the petition of sundry citizens for a sewer in Vine street, between Delaware Front and Second.

Which was referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Stacey a petition for the improvement of the City Property at the Drawbridge.

Which was referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Rawle, a letter from Richard Raynal Keen, a citizen of New Orleans, setting forth and praying Councils to acknowledge his right to certain lands in Louisiana.

Which was referred to the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of sundry citizens, praying Councils to increase the compensation of Peter L. Godwin, Clerk of High street Market, west of Tenth street.

Which was referred to Committee on Police.

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Mr. Wm. T. Smith laid before Council the annual Report of the Wills Hospital, with documents.

And presented the petition of Messrs. Schaffer & Co., praying to be allowed to use the Hall of Independence for an Exhibition of the Signers of the Declaration.

Which was referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Wright, from the Special Committee to consider the expediency of making the Permanent Bridge a Free Bridge, made a

REPORT:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The joint Special Committee, appointed December 3, 1835, to confer with a Committee from a meeting of the citizens of Blockley township, and the adjoining districts, relative to the subject of making the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge free of all Tolls, beg leave to Report:

That they have had conferences with the above-named Committee, and heard from them many suggestions upon the question referred to their consideration; and considered the propriety of asking legislative aid in making the bridge free, and also conferred upon measures to be adopted for providing the means for compensating the bridge company for the value of their stock.

That the city of Philadelphia has a deep interest in having all her principal accesses entirely free, there can be no doubt. It is contrary to every principle of commerce to clog its avenues with tolls and duties, not required to protect some interest directly ministrant to its prosperity. And it is evident that no general advantage can result from the imposition of tolls at this bridge, unless these tolls should be found necessary to the maintenance and repairs of the piers and the superincumbent edifice. Every dollar paid in tolls upon the produce that passes into the city over this bridge, is nearly so much additional charge upon the necessities or comforts of life in our markets. And the tolls exacted upon the return carriages, if not ultimately operative upon the class of consumers, is at least a direct deduction from the profits of the producer in the neighbouring districts and counties, whose interests it is understood will be represented in any application which may be made to the Legislature asking to have the bridge free from tolls.

When the company was incorporated to build the bridge, pro-

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visions were made in the charter for having the passage free at some future time; the surplus over 15 per cent. annual profits, was to constitute the whole or a part in connexion with contributions for redeeming the bridge; or at the expiration of twenty-five years from the completion of the structure, the legislature had the power to take the bridge at a fair appraisement, make it free and provide means for lighting, watching and repairs. No such surplus fund has accrued; a contingent reserved fund of \$11,000 has been saved from the profits with a view to meet any sudden exigency from fire, flood, or other cause of calamity, and as it was reserved from profits far less than fifteen per cent., it is liable at any time to be called for by a vote of the stockholders.

Of course then the contingent fund is not any part of that sum contemplated by the Legislature to aid in freeing the bridge, and cannot be looked to as a means of promoting the object. Indeed, your Committee is warranted in saying that 5 60-100 per cent. is the average annual dividend since the opening of the bridge. Twenty-five years have elapsed since the completion of the bridge, and the Legislature of the State has the right now to recall the charter, and free the bridge. But as this cannot be done without a considerable expenditure, your Committee do not entertain the hope that the Legislature will directly meet the demands of the Stockholders, or consent to pay from the State Treasury the sum appraised as its value, when the state debt is so considerable and the demands for expenditures of more general interest are so urgent. And least of all is your Committee prepared to recommend to Councils an augmentation of the city debt, always burthensome, for a purpose in which the adjoining districts and neighbouring counties are scarcely less directly concerned than is the city, proper of Philadelphia.

But beside the direct interest which the State may be supposed to have in the measure of freeing from tolls the principal entrance to its commercial capital, we may suppose that certain counties, enriched by the sale of produce in the Philadelphia Markets, will be specially anxious to secure the freedom of the bridge, and will, in conjunction with the State, contribute to this object. The fund thus begun will be considerably augmented by the voluntary contributions of Districts in Philadelphia county, on the western side of the Schuylkill. And owners of property in Blockley, resident in the city, it may fairly be supposed, will contribute liberally to an object that will add much to the value of their lands.

Your Committee has not included the city proper in the list

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of contributors to the fund for purchasing the bridge, because they are aware that it possesses the most ready means of providing for the care and repairs of the structure, which will not be an inconsiderable item in the account of expenses to be anticipated in the desired measure. Though the considerable possessions of the city on the west side of the river Schuylkill, make it a matter of importance to our pecuniary concerns, that the bridge should be freed, and hold out the same inducements for a contribution in *some form*, to the measure, which are acknowledged by individual property holders.

A Committee of Councils has had under consideration, from the west Philadelphia Rail Road Company, a proposition including nearly the same project proposed to Councils by the citizens of Blockley, and submitted to the Committee now reporting; that Company will have other requests to make of the city, and will probably ask for privileges that will be of consequence to them, sufficient to induce an offer that will release the city from any pecuniary sacrifice in freeing and maintaining the bridge.

Your Committee also has reason to believe that the inconvenient alternative of drawing directly upon the public Treasury, or of denying the prayer of the petitioners to free the bridge, will not be presented to the Legislature of the State: but that conditions may be appended to grants that will render the whole sum required, a voluntary offering and make the promotion of one beneficial end, dependant on the success of another public convenience.

The proposed measure is enforced with the more earnestness, inasmuch as it interferes but little with any vested interest.—The increased navigation of the Schuylkill has taken, by the frequent interruption of passage, from the Floating Bridge at Gray's Ferry, a great proportion of the income once derived from the passage of horses and carriages. And the bridge near and below the Water Works has by its low water and various other circumstances, been far less productive than was anticipated. And your Committee has reason also to believe that measures have been taken by some of the stockholders of that bridge to make it free without farther aid.

The price at which the bridge is to be rated has not been considered. A competent Committee will take into consideration all the circumstances connected with the erection and maintenance of this noble structure, its past deficiencies and present increasing profits. Nor will they lose sight of the paramount consideration of a great commercial public good to a private

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benefit. Such matters were not submitted to your Committee, and they forbear to express an opinion upon what may belong to others better qualified to judge between the public and the bridge corporation.

In thus unequivocally recommending to Councils the adopting of measures tending directly to divest citizens of positive pecuniary advantages, your Committee do not feel that they seek to deprive any one of vested rights. The charter of the Permanent Bridge was granted and accepted on the condition of relinquishing it to the community on or before the expiration of twenty-five years. Those who have held the stock from the beginning, as well as those who purchased it subsequently, were aware of the conditions; and the value of the stock, at all times, must have been affected by these conditions as well as by any other circumstances and contingencies arising from the charter. But while your Committee feel warranted in asking for a resumption of the chartered privileges of the Company, they cannot recommend to the Legislature of the State to adopt any measures by which the stockholders shall lose a single advantage to which they are entitled by a liberal construction of their charter. Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia be and they are hereby instructed to address a memorial to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, asking for the adoption of measures for making the Permanent Bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, free of tolls, agreeably to the provisions of the charter of the Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER WRIGHT,
ISAAC OTIS,
DENNIS McCREDY,
JOS. R. CHANDLER.

Philada., Jan. 14, 1836.

And the Resolution was passed, and sent to Select Council for concurrence.

Mr. Rowland, from the Committee on Public Highways, made a Report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Public Highways having had under consideration that part of the Ordinance for auditing and controlling the expenditures of the city, requiring the joint Standing

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Committees to present to Councils, at the first Stated Meeting in January, an estimate of the amount required for the public service in their several departments, respectfully

REPORT:

That it is their united judgment, that the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars will be required for the purposes of the public service in their department for the ensuing year.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman*,
JOHN WIEGAND,
MERRIT CANBY,
THOMAS LANCASTER,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
W. H. KEATING,
J. ROACH.

January 13, 1836.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered, that Select Council be informed that this Council is ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting to elect a Treasurer of the City, and of the Girard Trust; an Agent of the Girard Estates, and thirty-six Directors of the Public Schools.

And the President, Clerk and members of the Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the Convention, and laid before the Convention a letter from Charles Johnson, sen., praying to be re-appointed Agent.

Ordered, that the Convention proceed to elect a City Treasurer.

Whereupon, of the Select Council,

Joseph R. Chandler	voted	for Cornelius Stevensno.
Thomas Dunlap	"	for the same.
Wm. H. Keating	"	for the same.
Lawrence Lewis	"	for the same.
Joshua Lippincott	"	for the same.
Dennis McCredy	"	for the same.
Wm. M. Meredith	"	for the same.
Richard Price	"	for the same.
Isaac Roatch	"	for the same.
John P. Wetherill	"	for the same.
H. J. Williams	"	for the same.
John Wiegand	"	for the same.

And of the Common Council,

Merritt Canby	voted	for Cornelius Stevenson.
John Darragh	"	for the same.
Thos. Earp	"	for the same.

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B. Hinchman	voted for the same.
T. Lancaster	“ for the same.
C. Marshall	“ for the same.
I. Otis	“ for the same.
J. Rowland	“ for the same.
Wm. Rawle, jr.	“ for the same.
Wm. T. Smith	“ for the same.
Ch. S. Smith	“ for the same.
Corn. S. Smith	“ for the same.
D. B. Stacey	“ for the same.
J. Thomason	“ for the same.
H. Troth	“ for the same.
P. Wright	“ for the same.

So that Cornelius Stevenson was declared duly elected City Treasurer.

Ordered, that the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer of the Girard Trust.

Whereupon, of the Select Council,

Joseph R. Chandler	voted for Benjamin Jones, Jr.
Thos. Dunlap	“ for the same.
Wm. H. Keating	“ for the same.
Lawrence Lewis,	“ for the same.
Joshua Lippincott	“ for the same.
Dennis McCredy	“ for the same.
Wm. M. Meredith	“ for the same.
Richard Price	“ for the same.
Isaac Roatch	“ for the same.
John P. Wetherill	“ for the same.
H. J. Williams	“ for the same.
John Wiegand	“ for the same.

And of the Common Council,

Merritt Canby	voted for Benjamin Jones, Jr.
John Darragh	“ for the same.
Thos. Earp	“ for the same.
B. Hinchman	“ for the same.
T. Lancaster	“ for the same.
C. Marshall	“ for the same.
I. Otis	“ for the same.
J. Rowland	“ for the same.
Wm. Rawle, jr.	“ for the same.
Wm. T. Smith	“ for the same.
Ch. S. Smith	“ for the same.

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Corn. S. Smith	voted for the same.
D. B. Stacey	“ for the same.
J. Thomason	“ for the same.
H. Troth	“ for the same.
P. Wright	“ for the same.

So that Benjamin Jones, Jr., was declared duly elected Treasurer of the Girard Trust.

Ordered, that the Convention proceed to elect an Agent of the Girard Estates.

Whereupon, of the Select Council,

Joseph R. Chandler	voted for Charles Johnson, Senr.
Thos. Dunlap	“ for the same.
Wm. H. Keating	“ for the same.
Lawrence Lewis	“ for the same.
Joshua Lippincott	“ for the same.
Dennis McCredy	“ for the same.
Wm. M. Meredith	“ for the same.
Richard Price	“ for the same.
Isaac Roatch	“ for the same.
John P. Wetherill	“ for the same.
H. J. Williams	“ for the same.
John Wiegand	“ for the same.

And of the Common Council,

Merritt Canby	voted for Charles Johnson, Senr.
John Darragh	“ for the same.
Thos. Earp	“ for the same.
B. Hinchman	“ for the same.
T. Lancaster	“ for the same.
C. Marshall	“ for the same.
I. Otis	“ for the same.
J. Rowland	“ for the same.
Wm. Rawle, jr.	“ for the same.
Wm. T. Smith	“ for the same.
Ch. S. Smith	“ for the same.
Corn. S. Smith	“ for the same.
D. B. Stacey	“ for the same.
J. Thomason	“ for the same.
H. Troth	“ for the same.
P. Wright	“ for the same.

So that Charles Johnson, Senr., was declared to be duly elected Agent of the Girard Estates.

Ordered. that the Convention proceed to elect thirty-six Di-

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rectors of the Public Schools. Mr. Lewis of Select Council, and Mr. Otis of Common Council, were appointed Tellers,—and the votes being collected, counted, and reported to the President, he declared that

Thomas Dunlap,
Thomas G. Hollingsworth,
George M. Wharton,
George Thomas,
Richard Price,
William White, Jr.
Henry M. Zollickoffer,
Pearson Serrill,
James J. Barclay,
James Carstairs,
William Wharton,
John Thomason,
Joseph Patterson,
Dillwyn Parrish,
William Vogdes,
Samuel English,
James C. Donnell,
William Abbott,

T. Leaming Smith,
Cornelius S. Smith,
William P. Smith,
William Biddle,
James Poultney,
Henry Lelar, Jr.
George Abbott,
Mordecai L. Dawson,
Abraham Ritter,
Edward Needles,
Alexander Benson,
Dr. Frederick Turnpenny,
Benjamin H. Yarnall,
George Emlen, Jr.
Levi Hollingsworth,
Samuel C. Cooper,
George B. Hall,
Isaac Barton,

Were duly elected.

The Convention was then dissolved and Select Council retired.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed a bill entitled “An Ordinance making appropriations from the income of the Girard Estates, for the year 1836, and for other purposes.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, that the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the Girard Estates, and at the disposal of the City Corporation, to meet the demands on the said Estate for the present year, according to the following estimates, viz:

Annuities,	3,900
Taxes and Water Rents,	15,000
Repairs of Real Estate,	11,000
Salaries,	4,500
Incidental Expenses,	3,000
Building new Stores,	12,600
	—————Drs. 50,000

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Sec. 2. Be it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be, and they are hereby authorised to erect, during the present year (as early as practicable), two new stores on the city property (formerly Stephen Girard's), on the East side of Water street, between High and Mulberry streets.

Which was read a first and second time and the title ordered to stand as read, and being ordered specially to be, was read a third time, and on the question "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Stating further that Select Council had received certain Resolutions from New York, which were as follows:

IN COMMON COUNCIL, }
New York, January 4, 1836. }

The following Preamble and Resolutions were read and *unanimously* adopted:

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has, by special message, communicated to the Common Council, copies of Preambles and Resolutions adopted by the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, by the Common Council of the city of Brooklyn, and by the citizens of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Lancaster, Albany, Utica, and Troy, adopted at public meetings convened in those several cities, and expressive not only of the deepest and tenderest sympathy with the citizens of New York in that afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, which, on the night of the 16th of December, laid in ashes so large and so valuable a part of this metropolis, but also tendering to the citizens of New York, in a manner the most manly and disinterested, noble and generous, proffers of aid, relief and assistance. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council of New York recognise in the sentiments and spirit which pervade the Resolutions adopted by the citizens of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Lancaster, Albany, Utica, Troy, and Brooklyn, a bond of amity, alliance and fellowship, binding together as brethren the citizens of distant cities and states which they trust will not cease to endure so long as we continue to be citizens of one Great Commonwealth, inhabitants of one Common Union.

Resolved, That the sentiments expressed by the citizens of our sister cities in the Resolutions referred to, and the patriotic spirit and noble and generous sympathy manifested by them towards our fellow citizens, when suffering under a most severe calamity, meet with a full and hearty response on the part of

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this Common Council, and will be kept in grateful remembrance by the citizens of New York, long after the conflagration of the 16th of December shall cease to be known except as a matter connected with the history of the past.

Resolved, That the city of New York is under high and acknowledged obligations to the firemen of Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Newark, West Point Foundry, and Elizabethtown, for their efficient services most timely and promptly rendered to our citizens during and immediately subsequent to the recent conflagration.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate to the Mayor, Councils, Firemen, and Citizens of Philadelphia; to the Common Council, Firemen, and Citizens of the city of Brooklyn; to the Firemen of Jersey City, Newark, West Point Foundry, and Elizabethtown, and to the Citizens of Baltimore, Boston, Lancaster, Albany, Troy, and Utica, the high sense of obligation resting on the Common Council and on the citizens of New York to our fellow citizens in those cities and towns, for their interest and sympathy manifested by word and work in a day of peril and alarm, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate to this Common Council copies of all letters thus addressed by him to our fellow citizens in other cities, that the same may be recorded on the minutes of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions, with the Resolutions and papers referred to therein, and with the correspondence between His Honor the Mayor and the citizens of the several cities and towns alluded to be printed and filed among the documents of this Common Council and published in all the daily papers of this city.

Adopted by the Board of Assistants, January 4th, 1836.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 4th, 1836.

Approved by His Honor the Mayor, January 5th, 1836.

J. MORTON, *Clerk Common Council.*

And had passed a Resolution, viz:

Resolved, that the Resolutions of the Common Council of New York be entered upon the minutes of Councils, and that the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils be requested to acknowledge their receipt, and communicate to the authorities of the city of New York the fact of such entry upon the minutes.

Common Council concurred.

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Stating further that Select Council had passed a Resolution, viz:

By a report made to Councils on the 26th February, 1835, from "*The Committee on Real Estate out of the City and County of Philadelphia, devised to the City by the late Stephen Girard,*" it appears, that the lands in Louisiana form a part of the *Bastrop's Grant*, and that it was important to secure possession, by obtaining from Congress the passage of an act to enable the owners to bring their titles before a Federal Court for decision.

Be it therefore Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, that the following Memorial to Congress be adopted, signed by the Presidents of the Councils, and forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The Memorial of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, sheweth,—

That the city of Philadelphia, under the will of Stephen Girard, hath an interest in certain lands in the state of Louisiana, the title to which is derived through the Baron Bastrop. That your memorialists have been informed that doubts have been suggested in regard to the validity of the said title, although your memorialists believe such doubts to be without any reasonable foundation. Your memorialists therefore pray for the passage of an Act confirming the title to the said lands, or providing for a legal adjudication of the same.

And your memorialists, &c.

Common Council concurred.

Stating further that Select Council had received and transmitted for the information of Common Council, a "Report and Estimate of the Committee on City Property."

To the Select and Common Councils:

"The Committee on City Property," in compliance with the requisition of "An Ordinance for auditing and controlling the expenditures of the City," request leave to

REPORT:

That due attention has been given to the public service placed under their direction, and they would respectfully refer to their

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Report of 19th November last, detailing the operations, previous to the organization of the present Councils, which furnished a statement of expenditures up to that time, amounting to 43,259 dollars 20 cents, and deducted from the appropriations of the year, 73,000 dollars, leaves a balance to the credit of the Committee,

\$29,740 80

The Committee have also had credit for balance of Public Burial Ground, \$34, and for services in the Markets, \$90, making

12 000

\$29,864 80

From this sum your Committee have drawn from the Treasury, by warrants issued by the Mayor, in payment of contracts and services, 9,354 dollars 95 cents, chargeable to the following items of City Property, viz:

Independence Square, for its care and improvement,	\$ 96 00
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Franklin Square, care, improvement, iron fence, &c.	985 30
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Washington Square, care, improvement, iron fence, &c.	2,501 77
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Penn Square, for its care,	23 00
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Rittenhouse Square, for its care and improvement,	256 22
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Logan Square, for its care and improvement,	393 44
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Market Houses in High Street,	130 83
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Market House, Second street, from Pine to Cedar street,	2,581 59
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City Hall and State House,	337 10
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New Wharves on Schuylkill,	1,577 43
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Repairs and Materials of other City Property,	472 27
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Drawn for,	\$ 9,354 95
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Balance on books of City Treasurer, to the credit of Committee on City Property,	20,509 85
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Total,	\$29,864 80
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This balance of 20,509 dollars 85 cents, is applicable to the following items of work, contracted for under the direction of Councils, viz:

Towards Iron Railing and Granite Base on Walnut and Washington streets, at Washington Square,	\$9,009 85
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Market House in High street, between Schuylkill 6th and 8th streets, in part,	5,000 00
New Wharves at George, Walnut, and Pine sts., on the Schuylkill,	6,500 00

Your Committee, having furnished the foregoing statement of the financial operations under their administration, request leave to submit the following estimate of the amount required for the year 1836, in the improvement, repair, and care of the City Property, viz:

Market House in High street, between Schuylkill 6th and 7th streets, balance of estimate,	\$ 4,000
Market Houses in High street and South Second street, for general repairs, and finishing in Second st.,	2,000
Wharves on the Schuylkill, for balance on new Wharves, filling up, &c., and repairs of other Wharves,	3,500
Wharves on the Delaware, for repairs,	1,500
City Hall, State House, and Public Clocks,	1,500
Taxes on City Property, County and Poor,	800
Independence Square, for its care and improvement,	1,000
Washington Square, for its care and improvement,	1,200
Do. Do. for balance of Iron Railing, Gra- nite, Gates, Piers, &c. on Walnut and Washington sts.,	2,000
Washington Square, for Iron Railing, Granite, Gates, Piers, &c., on Sixth and Locust streets complete,	14,000
Franklin Square, for its care and improvement.	1,000
Do. Do. for Iron Railing, Granite Stone, Gates, Piers, &c. complete, on Franklin and Vine sts., exclusive of the German Burial Ground,	9,000
Penn Square, for its care and improvement,	700
Rittenhouse Square, for its care and improvement,	1,800
Logan Square, for gravel walks, care and improve- ment,	2,500
Commissioner of City Property, for Salary,	1,000
Incidentals, in care of Public Burial Ground, intro- duction of Gas Pipes into City Hall and State House, &c.	2,500
Total,	<hr/> \$50,000 <hr/>

Your Committee, in preparing their estimate, has not extended it beyond the work actually in progress, and the amount required for the general care of City Property. The completion of the iron fence at Washington and Franklin Squares is included, be-

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believing it highly important that these useful and ornamental portions of our city should be relieved, as speedily as possible, from the inconvenience that this work must necessarily occasion.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman.*
WM. H. KEATING,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS,
PETER WRIGHT,
THOMAS EARP,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH.

January 14, 1836.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Stating further that Select Council had received and transmitted for the information of this Council, "A Report of Committee on Cleansing the City."

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Cleansing the City respectfully

REPORT:

That in pursuance with the provisions of an Ordinance passed October, 1835, wherein the several Standing Committees of Councils are required to present to Councils an estimate of the amount necessary for the expenses of the coming year, they present the amount expended in the year 1835 as follows, viz:

For Labour Hire,	\$22,314 82
“ Provender,	3,435 79
“ Wheelwrighting, Smith Work, Scrapers,	
Shovels, &c.	1,547 83
For Brooms, Hired Carts, Hose, &c. &c.	766 49
For Horses purchased,	635 00
For Salaries of the two Superintendents, \$700 each, 1,400 00	
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	\$30,299 93

Making \$30,299 93; and as the expenses for the year 1836 cannot be less than the past year without endangering the health of the city, they would ask an appropriation of \$31,699 93, which, with a balance standing to the credit of the Committee, January 1, 1836, of \$300 07, will make \$32,000.

Amount of sales of Street Dirt made in the year 1835.

By John M'Intire,	\$4,317 82
By Robert Patton,	3,698 02

Whole amount of sales of Street Dirt,	<hr/> \$8,015 84
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Which will hereafter go to the credit of contingent monies.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

DENNIS MCCREDY,
ISAAC OTIS,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN DARRAGH,
JOHN THOMASON,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
J. ROACH.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Stating further that Select Council had passed a Resolution.

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to forward to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Pennsylvania a copy of the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Girard Estates, together with a concise statement of the funds thereof. Also, the Report of the Building Committee, accompanied with the Report of the Architect.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith, from the Committee on Police, presented a Report, which was read and laid on the table.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Police

REPORT:

That there will be wanted for the service of their department, for the present year, the sum of \$64,000, viz:

Wages of 120 Watchmen,	\$40,320,	one-half of which is to be paid out of the Girard Residuary Fund,	\$20,160 00
Oil, rent of Police Stations, and Repairs,			32,840 00
New Lamp Posts, Watch Boxes and Repairs,			2,000 00
Salaries of High Constables, Special Constables, Mayor's Clerk, Clerks of Markets, Market Watchmen, Watchman in State House Steeple, &c.			9,000 00
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			\$64,000 00
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WILLIAM T. SMITH,
JOHN WIEGAND,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
JOSEPH LIPPINCOTT,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH.

January 14, 1836.

Mr. Wright (in the absence of Mr. Gilder, Chairman) laid before Council the Report of the Building Committee of the Girard College, containing the Report of the Architect.

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Agreeably to Ordinance, "The Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans" present the Annual Report of their proceedings.

The Girard College, so highly interesting and important as it must be to our fellow citizens, has progressed the past year as rapidly as the magnitude of the work would permit, and no exertions have been neglected by the Committee, or those under their direction, to hasten to its completion this inestimable project of our City Benefactor, which no doubt will be finished in as short a period as may be consistent with prudence in the erection of so large an edifice; the arches of which are the largest of such construction in the known world.

The Committee refrain from burdening the Records of Councils with a detail of their proceedings, referring to the accompanying Report of the Architect, Mr. T. U. Walter.

The Building Committee, in the progress of their duties, and the arrangement of the several buildings now erecting, have had the advantage to be associated with the Trustees of the Girard College. The selection of gentlemen for that trust so eminently qualified for public confidence as the distinguished and disinterested individuals composing that Board, is a sure guarantee that under their advice and direction the College must reap great benefits.

The Committee cannot close their Report without offering some testimonial of the highly satisfactory manner in which Mr. Walter has so far fulfilled the duties of his appointment. With much talent and constant attention to his duties, and strict regard to the public interests, he possesses the esteem and entire confidence of the Committee.

In conclusion, the Building Committee will continue (so long as entrusted with this important duty) to give their services and best judgment in the execution of this important trust, with a rigid attention to economy and strict impartiality. They ask leave to introduce the following Ordinance.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
DENNIS MCCREDY,
PETER WRIGHT,
J. ROACH,
HENRY SAILOR,
ISAAC OTIS,

January 12, 1836.

Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans.

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THURSDAY, January 14, 1836.

To the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans.

Gentlemen,—In conformity with your resolution of the 29th inst. directing me to lay before you “*A Report of the state of the works, together with the expenditures of the past year,*” I respectfully submit the following succinct account of our proceedings.

The work having been extended since the date of my last Annual Report, so as to embrace two of the out buildings, it will be proper for me here to advert to their form and size, and the circumstances under which they were commenced.

On the second of April last, I had the honor to lay before you a plan embracing the whole “*four out buildings,*” which was subsequently submitted to the City Councils, and sanctioned by them on the 16th of the same month.

This plan furnishes “*accommodations for at least three hundred scholars, and the requisite teachers, and other persons necessary in such an institution.*” The buildings are each 52 feet wide, 125 feet long, and three stories high: two of which are situated on the east, and two on the west of the main building.

The easternmost out building is divided into four dwelling houses for Professors; the two nearest to the College are designed for the residence of the younger students; and the westernmost building is divided into dormitories, for the accommodation of scholars of a more advanced age. The basement stories of the three buildings intended for the residence of the students will be arched, and the stairs composed of marble.

As soon after the decision of Councils as practicable, preparations were made for commencing the two easternmost buildings, and in the month of June the foundations of both were laid; that nearest to the College is far enough advanced to commence the vaulting, and the walls of the other are raised to the top of the basement.

When these buildings were commenced, we expected that at least one of them would have been ready for the roof before the close of the season, but this we were unable to accomplish, in consequence of the difficulties which have occurred among the mechanics of Philadelphia and its vicinity. These difficulties being now satisfactorily and happily adjusted, we shall be able to enclose the cut buildings now commenced, and raise the College sufficiently high to receive the arches for supporting the roof, during the ensuing season.

At the close of the year 1834, the walls of the main building were so far advanced as to be prepared for receiving the arches for the support of the floor of the second story, the

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construction of which was commenced early in the past season, and finished in the month of August. The walls of the second story have since been raised to a sufficient height to enable us to commence, early in the next season, to construct the arches over the two north rooms, for supporting the floor of the third story; before these are completed, the two south rooms will be prepared for arching.

The marble work of the cell of the building is now about fifty feet above the ground, and it will undoubtedly be raised to its destined height before the close of the year 1836.

The centres on which the arches for the support of the first story floor were constructed, have been removed, and it affords me pleasure to say, that no settling, swerving, nor even the elasticity that is usually observed on removing the centreing from large arches, is discoverable in any of the work, although the rooms over which these arches are constructed are each fifty feet square in the clear.

The blacksmiths are now engaged in preparing the iron work for banding the third story arches, some of which is already finished, and imbedded in the walls; the remainder will be so far advanced during the winter, as to prevent any delay in the construction of the building.

All the marble work of the lower vestibules is completed; the consoles for the front doors are finished, and the architraves forming the door heads are all prepared for their places in the building.

The contractors for carving the capitals for the columns of the exterior portico, have executed their work entirely to our satisfaction—five of these capitals are already completed, and several others are in a state of forwardness.

All the marble used in the construction of the College and out buildings during the past year amounts to 21,978 superficial feet. In addition to this, there are now on the ground about 10,218 feet of finished work, consisting of ashlar, window cornice, and architraves, and not including capitals and bases of columns for the exterior portico. We have also 5,238 feet of marble sawed for ashlar, capitals of columns, window cornice, &c., and about 8,000 cubic feet of marble in the rough, the greater part of which will be wrought during the present winter.

The whole quantity of marble delivered at the College in the year 1835, amounts to 26,369 cubic feet, all of which was furnished from quarries in Pennsylvania.

At the close of the season of 1834 there were remaining on the ground, about seven hundred thousand bricks, since which time one million three hundred and twenty-seven thousand have been delivered at the College, making, in all, two millions and twenty-seven thousand, of which we have used in the build-

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ings during the past season, *one million five hundred and ninety-seven thousand*, leaving about *four hundred and thirty thousand* bricks on the ground, which are reserved for commencing work in the spring.

Six thousand five hundred cubic feet of dressed granite for forming the groin piers have been delivered at the work during the past year, of which four thousand five hundred feet have been already used, leaving two thousand cubic feet now on the ground. This quantity will be sufficient to finish all the groin piers in the building.

The expenditures from December 23d, 1834, to December 23d, 1835, amount to \$121,079.

The materials and workmanship now on the ground, and not yet made use of in the building, are worth about \$60,000.

It affords me pleasure to say, that every part of the work has been executed in the most permanent and durable manner; the arches are very superior specimens of masonry, and all the walls have been constructed with great solidity. The marble work merits the highest approbation, both as it regards strength and appearance;—the beauty of the sculpture, and the facility with which it is executed, must unquestionably establish the fact, that we have sufficient talent in this country to execute architectural carving as well and as rapidly as it can be accomplished elsewhere.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't.

THOMAS U. WALTER, *Architect.*

Girard College, December 23, 1835.

To JOHN GILDER, Esq., Chairman of Building Committee
Girard College for Orphans.

And also a bill entitled an "Ordinance making appropriations for the building of the Girard College for Orphans for the year 1836,"

Be it ordained, &c. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended in constructing the Girard College for Orphans during the current year.

Which was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as reported, and bill specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

Ordered that 250 copies of Report be printed and then Council adjourned.

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Present, Messrs. Canby,	Rawle,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Cor. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rowland,	Wright.

The President laid before Council the following communications from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates. Which was read and laid on the table.

Office of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, }
January 28, 1836. }

At a meeting of the Board held on the 16th inst., a Report from the Committee of Finance and Accounts was received, accompanied by a tabular view of the Finances of the Girard Estates, which was read and a copy thereof ordered to be communicated to Councils.

From the Minutes.

MORGAN ASH, *Secretary.*

To the Commissioners of the Girard Estates:

The Committee of Finance and Accounts respectfully submit the subjoined tabular view of the Finances of the Girard Estates, from the time it came into the hands of the City to the 1st inst., agreeably to a resolution of the Board of the 3d ultimo.

Signed,

LAWRENCE LEWIS,
 W. M. MEREDITH,
 HENRY TROTH,

Philad. Jan. 16, 1836.

Committee.

*The following resolution was offered by Mr. Stacey at the preceding meeting, considered and passed.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the number of the Silent Watch for a limited time, with a view to prevent the perpetration of Burglaries; with power also to take immediate measures for such increase, if they deem it expedient.

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Statistics of the Girard Estates to January 1st, 1836.

	1832	1833	1834	1835
Income Real Estate, City, - -	\$ 38,696	\$ 45,765	\$ 53,775	\$ 64,256
do. County, -	6,902	9,360	9,081	7,866
Income Residuary Fund, includ- ing Schuylkill Nav. Stock, - -	\$ 45,596	55,125	62,856	72,122
		12,950	11,338	17,401
Total income, - - - - -	45,596	68,075	74,194	89,523
*Repairs and Improvements, - -	5,695	10,400	12,141	7,582
Taxes and Water and Rents, -	7,829	9,612	10,473	13,176
Annuities, - - - - -	3,500	4,300	4,300	4,750
Salaries and incidental Expenses,	2,925	6,802	5,657	7,418
Lands in Penna. and Kentucky,	6,212	3,017	2,332	745
do. in Louisiana, - . . -	7	1,027	1,231	1,290
Nett income of the Estate, - -	32,952	32,917	38,060	54,562
Investment in new Girard Estate Stores, - - - - -				8,487
City Stores and Wharf on Sch'l.		5,471	12,529	
Rail Road on Broad street, - -		1,800	4,229	
Culvert and Wharf at Drawbridge,		1,878	2,122	
New Paving, - - - - -		7,742	9,229	
Police, - - - - -			26,323	27,832
†Income Girard College Fund, -		51,381	103,000	102,782
Expenditures for College, - -		71,754	115,493	121,663
Income Delaware Avenue Fund,		20,033	26,613	26,113
Expenditures for do. - - -		367	3,113	16,946

A communication from Mr. Isaac McCauley, offering Bush Hill as a site for an Observatory, was read and referred to Committee on City Property.

A memorial from Mr. Thomas Mitchell was read, charging that certain persons professedly acting under the authority of Councils, had been collecting signatures to a remonstrance against the proposed Canal on the west side of Schuylkill for the pay of two cents per name.

And on motion of Mr. Fraley, the same was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition for a culvert across the public lot occupied by Gas Works, which was read and referred to Committee on Public Highways.

* "Repairs and Improvements." A large part of this expenditure has been for bath houses, grates, &c. to the dwelling houses, and for alterations and extensions of the stores, including fire proofs, hoisting machines, and also for a new wharf between High and Mulberry streets by which the rents were greatly increased in annual value.

† Interest on Stock, &c. belonging to this fund, accruing in 1835 not yet received, amounting to \$

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Mr. Wright presented a communication from D. Weatherly, Superintendent of the Public Clocks, explaining some late irregularities, which was read and referred to Committee on City Property.

The President laid before Council a paper purporting to be the proceedings of citizens opposed to a Rail Road down Market street, held by adjournment on the 4th of January, 1836. And it was moved that the same be laid on the table.

The President stated that he believed the paper to contain the same proceedings as had already appeared. Whereupon Mr. Fraley moved that the paper be not received, and that the Clerk return it to the person by whom it was transmitted.

But the reading being ordered by a vote to ascertain its identity, the same was read to the words "Gross outrage," when the reading was ordered to be stopped as disrespectful. And the resolution was carried.

A Memorial from Abel Pond, praying extra compensation, was presented, and the same ordered to be referred to the Committee on Police.

Ordered, that Council proceed to elect two Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, in place of Dr. R. M. Huston and Mr. John Farr, whose terms expire. Whereupon Messrs. Earp and Otis were appointed Tellers, and the votes being collected, counted and reported to the President, he declared that

Dr. Robert M. Huston had	18 votes,
Mr. John Farr	18 "

And were therefore duly elected.

Mr. Fraley presented a Resolution:

Whereas, an application has been made to the Legislature of this state, for the incorporation of a Company for the erection of a Market House in this city on a plan which, while it will promote the public convenience, will at the same time, if successful, tend to relieve the city from a heavy county tax for the payment of the purchase money for sites for market houses;

Therefore, Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils approve of the plan for the erection of a Market House in Middle Alley, and recommend it to the favorable notice of the Legislature and their fellow citizens.

Which was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting.

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A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received an Annual Report from the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works; which was read.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

I am directed by the "Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works" to present to Councils the enclosed Report of their proceedings during the past year; and also the proceedings of the Stockholders at a meeting held on the 26th inst., together with a written application addressed to the Trustees, signed by a large majority of the Stockholders, requesting the Trustees, with the consent of Councils, to create two hundred additional shares of stock, (in quarter shares) according to the provisions of the first section of the "Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

I am likewise instructed to ask of Councils the enactment of an ordinance to enable the Trustees to accomplish the wishes of the Stockholders, in the manner expressed in the Resolution contained in the proceedings of their meeting, and in the application which is herewith communicated.

With great respect, &c.

R. M. HUSTON,

President of the Trustees of the Philada. Gas Works.

Philadelphia, January 28, 1836.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

In obedience to the 4th section of the "Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works," the Trustees present the following "Statement of their proceedings and of their receipts and disbursements," since the time of their election.

The City Treasurer, in conformity to the Ordinance, opened a book for subscriptions to the capital stock, on the first Monday in April last, and the whole amount was promptly subscribed for.

This enabled the Trustees to proceed at once in making plans and contracts for the furtherance of the undertaking. Accordingly, after obtaining the services of an accomplished engineer, they lost no time in engaging workmen, making contracts, and collecting materials of every description for the erection of the buildings; so that scarcely a month had elapsed from the enactment of the Ordinance, until the buildings were commenced, orders issued, and contracts made, for nearly every thing pertaining to the works.

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The buildings are erected on the ground appropriated in the ordinance "for the location and use of the Gas Works," fronting on the river Schuylkill, north of High street.

The plan, as projected by the Engineer and adopted by the Trustees, is not only tasteful and convenient, but calculated for extension of the different parts, from time to time, as the wants of the city may require, without affecting the symmetry of the whole. It contemplates a series of works calculated to occupy all the ground appropriated, excepting perhaps a part of the water front, and capable of manufacturing gas sufficient for twenty-four thousand argand burners. When fully extended, the works will consist of six sections, each one being complete in itself for the manufacture and storage of gas.

The part of the general plan which has been attempted the present season, consists of a section of one retort house with its lime and purifying house, two gasometers with tanks of masonry, an office on the west side of Ashton street, and a range of shops between the office and Filbert street, behind the inclosing walls of the Ashton street front. Of these, the retort house, lime and purifying house, office and shops, are finished, and require only a few incidental arrangements to be in complete working order.

Enough retorts are set to supply any probable demand for gas for some time to come, and others are in readiness to be put up whenever they may be required. The only matters of importance that remain to retard the operation of the works, are the fixtures of consumers and the gasometers. The former are made by persons employed by the consumers themselves, and are no otherwise controlled by the Trustees or their agents than to insure their fitness before gas is let into them. The gasometers are large iron vessels, each having a capacity for 34,000 cubic feet of gas, and require to be perfectly air tight. They were contracted for very soon after the passage of the ordinance, and were to have been finished, one in September, and the other in October last; but notwithstanding all the efforts of the Engineer, aided by the Trustees, the contract has not been fulfilled in any particular. At last, however, the contractors have so far finished one of these gasholders that there is reason to expect that in a very few days more it will be ready for use. An arrangement has been made by which the other will be completed by a different contractor; and it is hoped that it will be accomplished without much delay. In the meantime, if the first one, on trial, shall be found fit for use, as it now seems likely to be, there will be but little difficulty in operating with it until the other is finished.

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In their contract for cast iron pipes for the distribution of the gas through the city, it was the good fortune of the Trustees not only to obtain them of good quality and at fair prices, but with a promptitude and regularity that greatly facilitated their operations. So that notwithstanding the advanced state of the season when the work was commenced, the interruption from frequent heavy rains, and an extension of the pipes not contemplated for the present year, the agent intrusted with this department succeeded in laying the whole in good season.

The entire range of pipes now laid (exclusive of service pipes for consumers, and about 1500 feet of branches) extends 38,652 feet, or about $7\frac{1}{3}$ miles. Nearly all the cast iron posts for the public lamps required by the city authorities are set, the service pipes attached to the mains ready for the burners, and the lanterns are provided or under contract. Many of the service pipes for the supply of consumers have likewise been laid, and a competent supply of gasmeters are on hand; so that but little remains to be done in order to put the whole in complete operation.

When the shortness of the time is considered during which so much has been accomplished, under all the disadvantages incident to an undertaking new to the Trustees and to most of the workmen employed, and the handsome and substantial manner in which the greater part of it is done, the Board think they may well congratulate Councils and the Stockholders on the present advanced state of the works. Great praise is due to the Engineer for the intelligence and untiring industry with which he has pushed every part towards completion; and the credit of much faithfulness is likewise due to all the contractors, with the single exception already mentioned.

The receipts during the past year have been only of the capital stock. This was called in, in four successive instalments at short intervals, as it was deemed desirable to secure at once such a disposable capital as to be able to meet with promptitude all the engagements of the Trustees, and to secure by cash payments the greatest economy and regularity in the execution of the contracts. The stock was called in, in instalments, as follows:

1st instalment, on subscribing,	April 6th, 1835,	\$10 per cent.	
2d do.	do.	June 1st,	" 30 do.
3d do.	do.	July 15th,	" 30 do.
4th do.	do.	Sept. 1st,	" 30 do.

\$100

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Notwithstanding the pressure in the money market which has been felt for many months past, the Stockholders exhibited an unusual degree of readiness in responding to the call of the Trustees; indeed, of the entire amount, there remains at this time but \$2,290 unpaid.

The disbursements have been as follows:

Expenditures for the works on the Schuylkill,	\$ 44,137 28
Do. Distribution (pipes laid in the streets,)	42,661 41
Expenditures for Service Pipe (branches from the main pipes,)	3,567 85
Expenditures for Public Lamps for the streets, supplied by the Trustees,	1,504 01
Expenditures for the Stock of Bituminous Coal laid in,	1,488 50
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	\$93,359 05

In addition to the above, the Engineer estimates that there will be required to complete the works, and place them in a condition to become productive:

For Gasometers, &c. &c. at the works on the Schuylkill,	\$ 10,000 00
For Service Pipes to meet outstanding orders,	3,150 00
For Public Lamps, to complete the order of the Committee on Police,	1,495 99
For an additional supply of Coal,	750 00
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Making altogether,	\$14,395 99

Which exceeds the whole capital by the sum of \$ 7,755 04

Besides which the accruing rents, salaries, and other incidental expenses not included in the estimate of the Engineer, the Trustees think will amount to about

	4,244 96
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Making in round numbers,	\$12,000 00

Which it is probable will be required over and above the original capital, to meet outstanding orders and complete the works on the scale now contemplated.

In explanation of this apparent excess, beyond the original estimate, it is proper to state that *that* did not include certain expenses which at first it was not thought expedient to undertake, but which more reflection has satisfied the Trustees should be regularly assumed by the Board, and an allowance for them

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obtained in the price of the gas sold. Nor did it include the heavy expenditure incurred in supplying the fixtures and lamps for the streets, which the Ordinance requires of the Trustees to provide without expense to the city. And the line of pipes as originally proposed to be laid, has been greatly extended; in some instances at the request of the city authorities, where new paving of the streets was about to be undertaken by them; and in other cases at the request of persons who pledged themselves to become consumers of gas as soon as it could be furnished. Another considerable item included in the above account is the bituminous coal laid in for making gas.

These items may severally be estimated as follows:

Service Pipes and Meters,	\$ 5,715 85
Extension of Pipes in certain streets, beyond original amount,	6,833 00
One hundred and fifty Public Lamps and Fixtures, at \$20 each,	3,000 00
Stock of Coal,	2,238 50
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Expenses not estimated,	\$17,287 35
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Thus it will be perceived that the expenditures upon the objects originally proposed, correspond very nearly with the estimates; and that the actual cost of erecting the works is several thousand dollars less than the capital appropriated.

This result is the more satisfactory from the unlooked for difficulties that were experienced in excavating the tanks, owing to the rocks and the springy nature of the soil, which caused considerable additional expense; and the entire change in the system of labor which occurred very soon after commencing operations. To Councils and the Stockholders it is especially interesting, as it tests very fully the accuracy of the calculations upon which the enterprise was commenced.

The experimental apparatus erected at the works for the purpose of testing the quality of different samples of coal, has been in operation for several weeks, and gas enough manufactured for the use of the office and buildings on Schuylkill; and the Engineer is of opinion that a full supply for consumers can be furnished in a very few days.

The applications already upon the books of the Trustees, will require an amount sufficient for twelve hundred argand burners; or about one-fourth of what can be manufactured by the present works; and the Trustees believe that before many months elapse the demand will at least equal the whole capacity of the works.

By order of the Trustees. R. M. HUSTON, *Prest.*

Philadelphia, January 28, 1836.

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Stating further that Select Council had re-elected, as Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, Messrs. John R. Latimer and John Siter.

Stating further that Select Council had received the following Report from the Committee on City Property, and had passed the resolution thereto attached.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property request leave to

REPORT:

That by a resolution of Councils, under date October 22nd, they were directed to procure a suitable building for the City Recording Surveyor, erect fire proof Closets, and have the Maps, Papers and Documents suitably arranged; also to set apart rooms for the Committees of Councils; which has claimed much attention on the part of the Committee, and various efforts have been unsuccessfully attempted to obtain such a building, or such accommodations. The Committee being frustrated in every attempt, were obliged to turn their attention to the City Hall and State House, and are induced to believe that the object can be obtained in the present buildings belonging to the City. The lower part of the City Hall is now occupied by the Mayor's office, the City Treasurer, and the City Commissioners; and the connection of the Police department with that of the offices, it has appeared to your Committee to be important to dissolve, and on consultation with the Mayor, it is believed that he could be more conveniently accommodated at the State House, by occupying the Mayor's court room, which is only used four times in the year, from ten to twelve days on each occasion, during which time, the office hours of the Mayor could be at such times as would not interfere with the court. Your Committee have also to suggest, that Independence Hall should not be permitted to remain in its unfurnished state; but that it should be neatly fitted up with such furniture as would be consistent with the venerated Hall. A resolution was adopted by Councils two years since, directing it to be furnished in the manner it was at the time of the declaration; but the Committee finding it impossible to execute the direction, it has since remained without furniture, and almost as a lumber room. It could then be occupied by the Mayor, when not engaged in the office, and our own citizens as well as strangers, would at all times be enabled to visit a place of deep interest. A private room for the High Constables, could probably be had adjoining, from the County Commissioners. Such an arrangement being accomplished, it would leave the City Hall to be appropriated for City offices,

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and for the Girard Treasurer. And your Committee herewith submit a plan, drawn by Wm. Strickland, architect; and according to an estimate made by him, the expense of the alterations, with fire proof Closets in the several rooms, would be \$3,760. The City Treasurer would occupy the room he now does, with enlarged fire proofs.

The Girard Treasurer would have appropriated to his use, and that of the Agent of the Girard Estates, the room now occupied by the City Commissioners. The room directly south and now occupied by the Mayor as a private office, would be enlarged for the City Surveyor. The room opposite, to the east, to be enlarged and appropriated to the Watering Committee, and it would leave the room now occupied by them as a Committee room.

The room now occupied as the Mayor's office, would be reduced to forty-six feet by fourteen feet, and appropriated to the City Commissioners and City Clerk.

Your Committee having carefully examined the subject referred to their consideration, are induced to believe, that the present plan is best calculated to effect the wishes of Councils on the subject. The present office occupied by the Girard Treasurer, has no fire proof, and the valuable books and papers have to be daily deposited in a neighbouring bank. It could be rented for a store at \$700 per annum, which, in a few years, would pay the whole expense, although it is of minor importance, in comparison with the advantages obtained, in a location of all the City offices together; and having a safe as well as a convenient office for the valuable papers attached to the Recording Surveyor, and belonging to the City. Your Committee would, therefore, submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That *the Committee on City Property* be authorised to make such arrangements as will accomodate the Mayor in the State House, and that they be authorised to make such alterations in the City Hall, as will furnish accommodations for the office of the City Surveyor and the Girard Estates.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*.
WM. H. KEATING,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS,
PETER WRIGHT,
THOMAS EARP,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH.

Philad. 1st mo. Jan. 27th, 1836.

Committee.

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Whereupon the report and resolution were read, and Common Council concurred in the resolution.

Stating further that Select Council had received and transmitted for the information of this Council, a communication from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

The Commissioners of the Girard Estate submit to Councils sundry communications, which they have received from the Executors of Mr. Girard, and copies of the proceedings of the Board in regard to them.

The improvements on the square between Chesnut and High streets and Eleventh and Twelfth streets, which have been entirely under the control of the Executors, are as follows:

1. Sixteen dwelling houses on Chesnut street, of which eight were completed in November 1833, and the remaining eight in July 1834.

2. Twenty-two stores on High street, which were completed in October, 1834.

3. Twenty dwelling houses on the south side of Girard street, which were completed in December, 1835.

4. Twenty dwelling houses on the north side of Girard street, which are roofed in, but still unfinished.

Stephen Girard died on the 26th December, 1831, and the resolutions of Councils requesting the Executors to cause the above mentioned square of ground to be built upon and improved agreeably to the plan, contracts and arrangements of their Testator, was passed on the 3d of May, 1832.

It is stated by the Executors that Stephen Girard estimated that the improvements of the square would cost eight hundred thousand dollars, though it is believed this fact is now communicated to Council for the first time, and that they have already paid six hundred thousand dollars on account of these improvements; that they have incurred debts for the same to the extent of forty-six thousand five hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty-three cents, which are still unpaid, and that it is estimated that nearly one hundred thousand dollars will, in addition to the sum now due, be required for their completion.

Of the fifty-eight buildings completed, forty-six are occupied by respectable tenants, at a yearly rent of thirty-two thousand dollars, and twelve stores on Market street are unoccupied.

The Executors observe in their letter to the Commissioners of 2d December last, "It will be recollected, however, that the applications to them on the part of the City authorities were rather urgent, so that without exactly knowing whether ade-

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quate means would or would not be left at their disposal, the Executors handed over all that was required," as follows:

On 12th January, 1833, stocks and loans for	\$1.407.036 67
25th " " do.	996.199 00
18th April, " do.	273.189 66
3d May, " do.	101.605 00
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	\$2.778.030 33

\$2.000.000 of which was appropriated to the College.

500.000 of which was appropriated to the Delaware Avenue.

278.030 33 of which was appropriated to the Residuary Fund.

The Commissioners are not aware that there was any undue urgency in the application on the part of the City authorities to the Executors, the first transfer of personal estates by them to the City was more than a year after the decease of Mr. Girard.

The Executors further state they have no unappropriated funds, with the exception of Danville and Pottsville Rail Road stock, and that it was under the sanction of Councils, they paid one hundred and eighty thousand dollars subscription to that stock.

The Commissioners are not aware that the City authorities gave any sanction to the payment by the Executors of the instalments on the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road stock, beyond a tacit acquiescence on such payment. As Mr. Girard had subscribed for that stock in his lifetime, and his Executors were aware that they must of course be liable to pay the instalments when they should be called for; it is presumable they retained funds then deemed to be sufficient for this as well as other contingencies. That the funds should in fact have proved deficient, is a circumstance certainly to be lamented, as it is productive of considerable inconvenience, but it has obviously been caused by an error in making estimates, for which no party ought to be held responsible.

The Commissioners are decidedly of opinion, that a sale of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road stock, could not at present be effected without a most unjustifiable sacrifice of the interests of the estate.

As the Executors, however, state that they have no unappropriated funds in their hands with which to pay the debts already contracted, or proceed in completing the improvements, it becomes necessary for Councils to take some order on the subject.

The available funds received from the Executors, (except the Residuary fund) are actually appropriated to specific purposes

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agreeably to Mr. Girard's Will, viz: the Girard College, and the Delaware Avenue, and it would be very improper to divert any of them from those objects.

The Residuary fund is composed principally of Real Estate which is inalienable, and of the Schuylkill Navigation stock which Mr. Girard expressly directed should form part of the Residuary fund, and which it is believed he did not intend should be sold. Under these circumstances, it appears probable that the expense of completing the houses in Girard street, will ultimately fall on the income of the Residuary estate, unless a part of the sums retained or appropriated by the Executors to meet a certain contingency, may hereafter come into the possession of the City and shall be sufficient for that purpose.

The Commissioners addressed a communication to the Executors, stating their intention to recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils are willing to receive the unfinished buildings in Girard street from the Executors, in their present unfinished state, to pay the liens, and finish the same.

The Commissioners have received another communication from the Executors, dated to-day, and hereto annexed.

The Commissioners regret to find that the Executors put a construction upon the act of the Commissioners entirely inconsistent with the just and high respect which they entertain for the Executors. The Commissioners are quite at a loss to know on what foundation such a construction can be plausibly based. They feel it their duty, however, to lay the whole matter before Councils in order that they may take such order as shall be deemed most expedient.

JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,

Prest. of Com. of Girard Trusts.

At a meeting of the Executors of Stephen Girard, held on the 28th September, 1835, an extract from the Minutes of the Commissioners of the Girard estate was received, inquiring at what time and in what condition it is the intention of the Executors to deliver up the dwellings on the south side of Girard street. Whereupon it was

Resolved, "That the Commissioners be respectfully informed that it is the desire of the Executors to deliver up the houses referred to, in all the ensuing month, and that no pains shall be spared to effect that purpose."

Resolved, That it has been the desire of the Executors to deliver up the houses as nearly as possible as they would have been prepared by Stephen Girard himself; that a wall and rail-

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ing in front will be put up, and pantries made under the cellars; but that it will be agreeable to the Executors if the Commissioners will furnish grates, papering, and watering closet apparatus, according to their own sense of the wants or predilections of tenants.”

Resolved, “That if, nevertheless, the Commissioners desire that the Executors should furnish the grates, &c. then the Executors request a conference with any Committee which the Commissioners may appoint in reference to the subject.”

Extract from the Minutes of S. Girard’s Executors, September 28, 1835.

JOHN A. BARCLAY, *Sec’y*.

At a meeting of the Executors of S. Girard on the 11th November, 1835, a communication from the Commissioners of the Girard estate having been received, it was

Resolved, That although the Executors have no unappropriated funds in their hands, they will as the Commissioners desire, forthwith cause to be put into the buildings on the south side of Girard street, grates, bathing tubs, water closets, paper, and provision closets. Also,

Resolved, That the Commissioners be informed that the Executors have assurances from the workmen that all the houses on the south side of Girard street will be finished within the present month.

Extract from the Minutes of S. Girard’s Executors,

JOHN A. BARCLAY, *Sec’y*.

To the Com. of the Girard Estates.

Philadelphia, Dec. (12mo.) 2, 1835.

The Executors of Stephen Girard respectfully make the present representation to the Commissioners of the Girard estate, in the confidence that if the action of the City Councils shall be needful, they will themselves apply for it.

After having consulted and employed various mechanics, and formed plans for building up his High street square, Stephen Girard estimated that the improvement of it would cost eight hundred thousand dollars. Accordingly, the Executors desired to retain in their hands, funds amply sufficient for all contingencies in relation to that improvement and other objects. It will be recollected, however, that the applications to them on the part of City authorities, were rather urgent; so that without exactly knowing whether adequate means would or would not be left at their disposal, the Executors handed over all that was required.

The Commissioners see how far the improvement of the

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square has been carried. The undersigned have already paid six hundred thousand dollars for the work that appears, and for work now in progress. They feel satisfied that the cost of the square will fall short of Stephen Girard's estimate; but the undersigned have no unappropriated funds to complete it, with the exception of stock in the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company, the original cost of which was two hundred thousand dollars. And, accordingly, they now submit whether they are to sell that stock, or whether more available means are to be given them in lieu of it. It will be recollected that it was under the sanction of Councils the undersigned paid one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, subscription to this stock. The City or Girard estate has a deep interest in the Road itself. The Executors, therefore, are unwilling to expose the stock to sale, as a depreciation might ensue, and adequate means might not after all be obtained; still as the stock is on hand, as it was retained for use if needful, and as the undersigned are now actually in want of funds, the decision is respectfully submitted to those who have the charge of the Girard estate. To suspend the work would be attended with loss to the City, and be the subject of regret to the undersigned.

It is scarcely necessary to remind the Commissioners that in building up the square, the undersigned are executing the contracts and directions of Stephen Girard, and that if they have not unappropriated funds beyond the stock above mentioned, it is because they passed over to the City authorities, means which might have been retained.

Respectfully submitted by

TIMOTHY PAXON,
THOS. P. COPE,
JOSEPH ROBERTS,
W. J. DUANE,
JOHN A. BARCLAY.

Office of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, }
15th December, 1835. *}*

At a meeting of the Board, held this morning, a communication was received from the Executors of Stephen Girard, applying for funds to complete the houses on the north side of Girard street; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the communication be referred to the Committee on Finance, with authority to consult one counsel as to the right of the city to refund to the Executors sufficient means to finish said houses, and also as to the right of the city to re-

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ceive said houses in their unfinished state, and of appropriating funds for their completion, and whether said funds may be taken from *Capital*, or must be taken from the income of the Residuary Fund; or from whence said funds must be derived, either to pay over to the Executors, or to apply towards the finishing.

From the minutes.

MORGAN ASH, *Secretary*.

To LAWRENCE LEWIS, Esq. *Chairman*.

The Executors of Stephen Girard respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the communication made to them on the 31st ult. by the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, and agreeably to their request present to them the inclosed documents, which exhibit as nearly as practicable the amount due to the workmen for labor and materials, and an estimate of the sums necessary to the completion of the buildings.

The arrangements for building up the square were made by Girard himself, and the workmen employed by the Executors are those of his appointment. He died on the 26th day of December, 1831. The Executors were not desirous to assume any duty which might be considered as extra official, and did not therefore immediately proceed with the building up of the square; but when Councils, on the 3d day of May, 1832, passed resolutions authorising and requesting the Executors to carry the intentions of the testator into effect, by proceeding with the work, they could no longer hesitate. Whether buildings could have been placed on the square which would have insured a larger income to the city, or whether the testator would have made a more judicious appropriation of his funds, the undersigned do not undertake to say. In the execution of the work confided to them they have endeavored to conform strictly to the known wishes of their deceased friend, Girard, who alone had the right to judge. The materials used in the buildings are of the best quality, and the undersigned are induced to believe that the workmanship will not suffer by a comparison with any other in the city. Three entire portions of the whole being now completely finished, and the fourth, that is the range on the north side of Girard street, being all roofed in, the undersigned are not aware of the existence of any reason why they should now transfer the unfinished buildings to the city.

They have already apprised the Commissioners that they have no unappropriated funds in their hands, with the exception of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Stock; and they may

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now add, that the workmen to whom they are indebted are anxious to receive the amount due to them.

Respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY PAXSON,
THOS. P. COPE,
JOSEPH ROBERTS,
W. J. DUANE,
JOHN A. BARCLAY.

January 15, 1836.

To the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

Bills and Accounts unpaid.

J. Barnhurst, for Door Sills,	-	-	\$	80	00
Curtis & Hand, for Locks,	-	-		117	33
John Willits, balance,	-	-		1,530	37
George Trout, Silver Plater,	-	-		677	50
Richard P. Cumming, Tinman,	-	-		301	00
James M'Closkey,	-	-		142	30
G. G. Leiper & Brother,	-	-		1,242	50
Robert Looney,	-	-		1,349	25
Williams & Johnson,	-	-		138	51
Charles Thompson, balance for Plaster,	-			567	18
James H. Deas, for Sash Weights,	-			550	48
Wm. Ingram, Stone-Mason, balance,	-			988	85
For Water Closets and Bath Tubs, about				3,000	00
Joseph Smith, Carpenter, balance, about				16,000	00
George Swope, Painter, do. about				5,000	00
John Struthers, Stone Cutter, about				3,000	00
Niman & Smith, Blacksmiths, about				2,200	00
Thos. Dougherty, for Sand, Gravel					
and Labour, about				4,000	00
M. Weaver & Son, for Sash Cord,	-			94	97
Bowlby & Son, Hardware,	-	-		1,995	50
Reeves & Whitaker, for Nails,	-	-		204	43
Samuel Stone,	-	-		23	76
Weaver & Co. Ironmongers,	-	-		196	24
Samuel Fox, balance,	-	-		657	79
T. B. Wickersham, Wire Worker,	-			72	42
Stephen P. Morris & Co. for Grates,	\$907	00			
Dennis Murphy, do.	435	00			
Thos. Harper, for Bricks,	183	00			
John Stigel, for Grates,	90	00			
E. Jones, for Lime, Sand, &c.	148	45			
Samuel Lloyd, for Grates,	435	00			
John Skirving, fixing Grates,	270	00			
			\$	2,468	45

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Estimate of the amount requisite to finish the houses on the north side of Girard Place.

Carpenters' Work,	-	-	-	\$28,000 00
Lumber,	-	-	-	12,000 00
Plastering,	-	-	-	15,000 00
Painting	-	-	-	7,400 00
Plumber,	-	-	-	4,000 00
Hardware,	-	-	-	3,200 00
Nails,	-	-	-	1,600 00
Silver Plater, including flush bolts and hinges,				2,500 00
Bell Hanger,	-	-	-	500 00
Bricklayer,	-	-	-	2,000 00
Blacksmith,	-	-	-	500 00
Stone Cutter,	-	-	-	7,000 00
Mantels,	-	-	-	8,500 00
Tinman,	-	-	-	200 00
Laborers, Sand, and Gravel,	-	-		2,000 00
Granite,	-	-	-	700 00
Foundation, and Stone for do. and back walls,				1,000 00
Exclusive of Iron Railing for both sides,				\$96,100 00

Value of Lumber on hand,	-	-	\$5,338 15
Two Kilns Bricks, containing 315,000, worth			2,000 00

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The Executors of Stephen Girard have received from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates their communication of the 25th inst., announcing the recommendation which they had resolved to make to Councils.

As the Commissioners seem to have invited from the Executors an expression of their sentiments on this subject, and as silence might therefore be misunderstood, the undersigned do not hesitate to say, that, even if the proposed change may be legally made, it is not only impolitic as it respects Stephen Girard's estate, but absolutely disrespectful to his Executors.

The duty of building up the Girard Square was imposed upon the undersigned by Stephen Girard and by the City Councils. The duty thus far has been faithfully performed. A small part only of the work remains unfinished. If the Executors have not available funds to complete that part, it is because they too readily handed them over to the city. With the exception of the Rail Road Stock, they have no funds but such as are legally

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and rightfully reserved to abide the event of claims now under judicial examination; and even for those claims they have not an adequate amount.

The Commissioners have not noticed the Rail Road Stock, although the most prominent question asked of them was in relation to it. That there can be any real difficulty in placing funds in their hands, the Executors cannot suppose. The buildings must be finished. If funds to finish them can be furnished to substitutes for the Executors, why not to the Executors themselves? Why should not the needful funds be confided to persons in whose care Stephen Girard had left millions, without other security than their reputation? Why should the undersigned be divested of an agency conferred without solicitation, and executed without complaint? Can the undersigned be deprived of powers, or released from obligations created by the will of Stephen Girard, and confirmed by the City Councils? How can any other agents than his Executors, meet and close contracts made by Stephen Girard himself? In short, no unworthy motives guide the undersigned. Their transactions are, and always have been, open to the inspection of the city authorities. The Executors naturally protest against removal from a confidential station, without even the protection of an explanation. And if, after this frank remonstrance, the Commissioners shall persist in their proposed course, the undersigned request that this note also may be laid before Councils.

Respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY PAXSON,
THOS. P. COPE,
JOSEPH ROBERTS,
W. J. DUANE,
JOHN A. BARCLAY.

To the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

Stating further that Select Council had passed a Resolution.

That the Watering Committee be and hereby are authorised to purchase a certain strip or piece of ground, containing one hundred feet in length, three feet at one end and nineteen feet at the other, for a sum not exceeding \$550, situate north of and adjoining the City Lot at the N. E. corner of Schuylkill Second and Callowhill streets, to be charged to appropriation No. 1.

Which was read and Common Council concurred.

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Stating further that Select Council had passed a bill entitled
“A Supplement to the Ordinance entitled an Ordinance for
the Construction and Management of the Philadelphia Gas
Works, passed March 21, 1830.”

Be it ordained, &c.

Sec. 1. That the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works be and they are hereby authorised to receive subscriptions for an additional number of shares of stock in the said works, not exceeding two hundred and fifty in the whole, under the following restrictions and conditions, viz:

1st. The said number of shares shall be raised by the issue of one thousand certificates of quarter shares; the holders of the original shares of stock in the said company being entitled to receive as many quarter shares as may be equivalent to the number of original shares held by each; and if any holder of original shares shall decline or neglect to apply for his quarter shares, such quarter shares shall be sold by the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works at auction, and the nett proceeds of the sale credited to the Works.

2d. The par value of such quarter shares shall be twenty-five dollars, and none shall be sold for less than its par value.

3d. The said quarter shares may at any time be converted into whole shares, by the return to the City Treasurer of four certificates of quarter shares, upon the receipt and cancelment of which he shall issue to the person returning the same a certificate for one whole share.

4th. The new whole shares created by this Ordinance shall be placed on the same footing and entitle the holders thereof to the same rights and privileges as are or may be enjoyed by the holders of original shares under the Ordinance to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 2. The Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works may adopt such rules and regulations, as to the time and mode of disposing of the new stock, as they may deem expedient, provided the same shall not be repugnant to the provisions of the first section of this Ordinance.

Which was then read a first and second time, title ordered to stand, specially ordered to be read a third time, and it was so read, and on the question “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

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Mr. Rowland, from the Committee on Public Highways, made a Report:

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That they have received a communication from William Strickland, whom they have selected as Engineer of the Rail Road intended to be constructed by Councils, in High, Third, and Dock streets, suggesting the expediency of substituting wooden instead of stone sills on which to lay the rails of said road; and having duly considered the proposition, they fully agree therewith, and submit the annexed supplement to the Ordinance making provision for the alteration, accompanied by explanations from the Engineer.

Accompanied by a bill, entitled

“A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to construct a Branch of the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road, from Broad street to the river Delaware, and for the building of certain Market Houses.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, that in the construction of the Rail Road from Broad street to the river Delaware, wooden sills may be used on which to lay the rails, any existing regulation or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman*,
MERRIT CANBY,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
W. H. KEATING,
JOHN WIEGAND,
J. ROACH.

Which was read a first and second time, and title ordered to stand as reported, specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” the same was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

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Mr. Fraley from the Committee of Finance made a

REPORT:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance in compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance for auditing and controlling the expenditures of the City, respectfully present the following estimate of the amount which will be required for the several departments under their care, viz:

For Interest on the City debt,	
\$470.000 at 6 per cent.	\$28.200
\$1.960.500 at 5 per cent.	98.025
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	\$126.225
For Interest on money to be borrowed this year,	5.000
For salaries of the Officers of the Corporation,	
Mayor's salary, \$3000, Recorder \$600, Solicitor	
\$1000, Commissioners \$4000, City Clerk \$1000,	
Recording Surveyor \$750, Cordors of Wood \$1300,	
Treasurer \$2000, Treasurer's Clerk \$500, Messen-	
gers of Offices \$600, Messenger of Councils \$300,	
Clerks of Councils \$1100, Assistant Clerk of Coun-	
cils \$550, Vaccine Physicians \$500, Keeper of the	
Public Clocks \$200,	\$17.400
For Incidental expenses of the Corporation, Fuel,	
Printing, Stationary, &c.	2.000
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	\$150.625

FRED. FRALEY,
 RICHARD PRICE,
 CHAS. MARSHALL,
 LAWRENCE LEWIS,
 JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
 WILLIAM RAWLE, Jr.
 WILLIAM T. SMITH,

Philad. Jan. 28, 1835.

Committee of Finance.

Which was read and laid on the table.

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Mr. Rawle from the Committee on Legacies and Trusts made a
REPORT:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Legacies and Trusts report, that the amount required for the public service in their department for the ensuing year, will be eight thousand one hundred dollars, to be appropriated under the provisions of the Ordinance passed the 22d of April, 1834, entitled, "An Ordinance granting aid to the Fire Engine and Hose Companies in the City," and the several supplements thereto.

WILLIAM RAWLE, JR., *Chairman.*

JAMES ROWLAND,

J. ROACH,

JOHN THOMASON,

W. H. KEATING,

THOS. DUNLAP,

Philad. Jan. 28, 1836. H. J. WILLIAMS.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Earp offered a resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property, in conjunction with the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to prepare a plan of the contemplated Rail Road and Market House as soon as practicable, and have the same (with a particular description thereof) exhibited at some suitable place for the inspection of the public.

Which was adopted and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith from the Committee on Police read in his place a bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance relative to the payment of the City Police."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That it shall be lawful for the Committee on Police to place in the hands of the Mayor's clerk from time to time, such sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of the High Constables, Captains of the watch, Watchmen, and all other persons attached to the Police department.

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Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Mayor's clerk to disburse the funds placed in his hands under the authority of this Ordinance, in such manner and form, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Committee on Police; and the said clerk shall give bond to the corporation in the sum of six thousand dollars, with one security approved by the Mayor, for the faithful performance of his duties.

Sec. 3. That the sum of one hundred dollars per annum be paid to the Mayor's clerk in addition to his present compensation.

Which was then read a second time, title ordered to stand, specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" It was passed and sent to Select Council: and Select Council concurred.

And then the Council adjourned.

MONDAY, February 8, 1836.

Councils met to elect five Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans.

Present, Messrs. Earp,	Sailor,
Hinchman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Rawle,	Cor. S. Smith,
Rowland,	Warner,

And a quorum not appearing, adjourned to next Thursday Evening.

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Present, Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Thomason,
Rawle,	Warner,
	Wright.

The President communicated to Council the proceedings of an Anti Rail Road in Market street Meeting, of Upper Delaware Ward.

Which were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Wright presented a similar paper, which was also read and laid on the table.

The President laid before Council the proceedings of a meeting, and a communication from Messrs. Henry Toland and Chas. S. Cox, a committee of the same, on the subject of uniting Moyamensing and Passyunk in one municipal and corporate body.

Mr. Fraley moved that the same be referred to a Special Committee of four members of each Council, which was ordered, and the President appointed

Messrs. *Fraley*, Canby, Wm. T. Smith and Otis.

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Select Council concurred, and appointed
Messrs. Wetherill, Chandler, Roach and Lippincott.

Also, a memorial respecting the erection of a Market House
in Lombard street.

Which was referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Gilder and Mr. Otis presented petitions to pave South
street, between Schuylkill Fourth and Eighth streets; and Mr.
Gilder one to pave Fifth street, between Spruce and South.

Which were referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Wr. Wright presented a petition for a Culvert in Vine street,
between Front and Second.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

And a petition for a Rail Road west of Broad street.

Which was referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland, from the Committee on Public Highways,
made a

REPORT:

The Committee on Public Highways herewith report an
Ordinance providing for the payment of damages to certain
persons therein named, who have accepted the respective
amounts awarded to them by the Jury on Delaware Avenue,
between High and Mulberry streets, and also for the estimated
expenditure which will be required to be incurred in proceed-
ing with the opening of said Avenue within the above named
limits.

JAMES ROWLAND,
MERRIT CANBY,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
J. ROACH,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN P. WETHERILL.

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And presented a bill, entitled

A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance,
providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an
appropriation therefor."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Phila-
delphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the

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City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to open or cause to be opened, so much of Delaware Avenue, between High and Mulberry streets as is embraced by the property for which the damages are hereinafter directed to be paid. And in the execution of the above instructions, it shall be their duty to regulate, curb, light and pave the same, and in every respect to conform to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the 24th day of March, 1832, entitled "An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia to carry into effect certain improvements, and to execute certain trusts," and of the several Ordinances relating to Delaware Avenue, passed the 27th day of February, 1834, and on the 3d day of April, 1834.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars out of the income of the fund appropriated under the twenty-second item of the Will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the City and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expense of carrying into effect this Ordinance, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Girard Fund, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to such persons as the Committee on Public Highways shall from time to time certify to be entitled under the provisions of this Ordinance to the sums respectively claimed by them.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on Public Highways be and they are hereby authorised and directed, previous to entering upon the premises aforesaid for the opening of Delaware Avenue as aforesaid, to pay or tender to the owners of the property along the line of the said Avenue, between High and Mulberry streets as aforesaid, the amount valued to be the loss occasioned to them respectively, in pursuance thereof according to the award of the Jury appointed to view the premises in manner following, that is to say:

To Elliston and John Perot, the sum of	\$5.500
To the heirs of Amos Taylor, deceased, the sum of	5.500
To Jacob Ridgway, the sum of	500
To the Representatives of the intestate property of the late Stephen Girard, the sum of	2.800

Which was read a first and second time, and, on motion of Mr. Gilder, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for use of Councils.

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Mr. Wm. T. Smith, on leave granted, presented the memorial of certain citizens respecting the erection of a Market House in the space bounded by Middle Alley, Portland Lane, and Sixth and Seventh streets.

Mr. Fraley laid before Council the copy of a bill now depending before the Legislature, for the incorporation of the "William Penn Market Company."

And it was ordered that the petition, bill, and Mr. Fraley's resolution of Jan. 28, 1836, the consideration whereof was postponed to this meeting, be referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Gilder offered a Resolution,

That the Committee on City Property be directed to inquire into, and report upon the expediency of erecting a Market House on the lot belonging to the Corporation, situate in Lombard street, south side, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Which was carried.

Mr. Gilder moved that Council proceed to the second reading of a bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance to regulate Travelling on the Broad street Rail Road," reported Nov. 19, 1835, [page 25, ante,] whereupon the same was then read a second time.

Mr. Earp moved to postpone the present consideration thereof, to introduce a bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance to regulate Travelling on the Broad street Rail Road."

Which was ordered, and thereupon Mr. Earp read in his place, a bill, viz:

SEC. 1. *Be it ordained, &c.* That the Superintendent of the Broad street Rail Road be and he hereby is directed to collect Tolls in Cars only that travel on said Rail Road its entire length at the same rates as are charged on the Columbia Rail Road, and pay the same weekly into the City Treasury.

SEC. 2. So much of the Ordinance to which this is a supplement as is hereby altered, is hereby repealed.

Whereupon Mr. Gilder moved that the said bills be referred to Committee on Public Highways. Which was ordered.

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Mr. Cor. S. Smith moved a resolution.

“That the Mayor be requested to take the proper steps to have Christ Church Bells rung on the 22d inst., the anniversary of the birth of the illustrious George Washington.” Which was passed and Select Council concurred.

Ordered that Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting, to elect five Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans.

Whereupon the Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the Convention, and appointed Mr. Wetherill Teller.

The President of Common Council appointed Mr. Thomason Teller.

And the votes being collected, counted, and reported to the President, he declared that

Dr. John M. Keagy, having 25 votes,	
James Gowen	“ 25 “
Algernon S. Roberts	“ 25 “
Alex. Dallas Bache	“ 25 “
Samuel Rush	“ 25 “

They were duly elected for the term of three years.

The Convention was dissolved, and Select Council retired.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council approve of and accept the sureties, viz. George Troutman and Jacob Alter, proposed by Cornelius S. Stevenson, City Treasurer, and Joseph Johnson and Jonathan Leedom, proposed by Benjamin Jones, jr. Treasurer of the Girard Fund.

And it was ordered that Common Council do likewise approve of and accept the same.

Stating further that Select Council had received and transmitted for the information of this Council, a Report from the Committee on City Property, viz.:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property request leave to

REPORT:

That in the execution of the duty in re-building the Market Houses in High street from Delaware Third to Eighth streets, as provided in the ordinance for continuing the Columbia Rail

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Road from Broad street to the River Delaware, the Committee immediately entered upon the necessary preliminaries for commencing the work early in the spring, and appointed William Strickland, as Architect, he having been selected as Engineer on the Rail Road: they also adopted a plan for a neat Market House, having the full width of those now in existence, without cave stands, and without the cumbrous and unsightly appearance that is now presented; together with the requisite inquiries in the contracts for iron columns, and the mechanical work necessary for their completion. At this period, the labours of the Committee were arrested by a communication from William Strickland, herewith submitted, recommending the propriety of permitting the present buildings remaining until the Rail Way is completed. The proposal is, to remove all the cave stands, or rather all outside of the brick piers, and to place the curb close to them which leaves a sufficient space to lay the rails in the exact place designed for them. Your Committee could not but feel a regret, that any delay should be experienced, to a prompt removal of the present unsightly Houses, and of substituting new ones, possessing architectural beauty, with equal conveniences in their stead; but, they could not reasonably refuse the recommendation of their intelligent Architect, for a postponement, and will therefore delay the execution, unless otherwise specially instructed by Councils.

It must be universally conceded, that *our Markets* are not surpassed; and surrounded as we are by a country, from which abundant supplies of all kinds of provisions and vegetables are extensively derived, it is a matter of remark, that more comfortable accommodations have not been provided for the Victuallers and Country People, than is afforded by the present Houses, where they are exposed to the extreme cold, and all the inclemency of the weather without any other protection, than a long line of Sheds, which habit could alone reconcile to an intelligent people.

The Founder of our City never intended High street to be obstructed by Market Houses, and being a Public Highway, their erection required Legislative enactments to prevent their being removed as a public nuisance. He was justly proud of the wide street, which was designed for the main entrance from the West; and our citizens may be equally proud of the extensive trade which High street furnishes in promoting our prosperity; and it cannot but excite a regret, that convenient locations have not been provided for the purchase and sale of provisions. With these views your Committee has noticed with favourable consideration, the exertions of some of our public

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spirited citizens, for the purchase of ground and erection of an extensive building in the southern section of our City, which will possess convenience, comfort and protection from the weather, to those who supply us with the necessities of life. Should the William Penn Market House be completed, and answer the expectations which may be reasonably anticipated, it will be a strong inducement for the erection of similar establishments in other sections of our city. Your Committee would also notice, another exertion for widening Lombard street from 5th to 7th streets, for the purpose of a Market House; in order to show that our citizens are much alive to fixing other locations for this object. For three years, Councils have had under consideration, and that of its Committees as well as a commission of its citizens specially appointed for the purpose, the continuation of the Columbia Rail Road to the eastern front of our City; and whilst it is admitted to be vastly important, that the produce brought by these means to our limits, should have the same convenience of transportation to our shipping; a large majority of our constituents were of opinion that the Rails should be laid in a street devoted to trade, and not placed in either of those streets, which are accupied for private residence. After the violent opposition that was raised to the introduction of our abundant supply of Schuylkill water, not only for political party purposes by some, but by the timid, from an apprehension of increased debt and Taxes; we need not feel surprised, that personal interest and party discipline should be brought into opposition of a measure, which has for its object the increased prosperity of our City, by enlarging its trade, and improving its appearance, by re-building the Market Houses. The Railway along Broad street has greatly enhanced the value of Real Estate, by establishing a considerable trade on said street; and the said Railway has been carried to the Delaware, through the districts on the North, and also on the South of the City. Your Committee are induced to believe, that the owners of property, occupiers and residents along Broad street, and along the Railway through the Northern and Southern Districts, are strongly in favour of the advantages they derive from its location, as conforming to their own personal interest; but are as much opposed to its extension through the City, being unwilling to make any division of their present exclusive benefits. So far as a disinterested conviction is brought into opposition of the Railway, and re-building the Market Houses, it is entitled to the highest consideration of respect; but when opposition is produced, for the purposes of political promotion, or to serve private interest, or is raised by those who are not our citizens, but

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belong to other corporations, such opposition ought not to be permitted to extend its influence against improvements, that are designed for general benefit, and public good.

Already has the prospect of a Railway, had an extensive influence in enhancing the value of Real Estate along Dock street, which had for many years almost lain dormant; and an advance, although not so extensive has been felt in High street, from 8th to Broad streets; and although along the Market Houses and Third street, property has not risen, yet the owners would be very unwilling to sell at any reduced price. Satisfied of the fact, that every facility given to trade, has an extensive tendency to its increase, your Committee have full confidence, that a sufficiency of business will give occupancy to all the ground along Broad street, at the present high prices; and that other parts of the City, will come into a reasonable competition for a portion of that trade, which will flow into our limits from the West. The opponents of this measure, as well as almost every public improvement, find a constant theme of sounding an alarm, upon the *enormity* of the City Debt, as they are pleased to term it; and the wisdom of some political calculators in this case, have placed to the City Debt, some nice proportions of the debts owing by the *County* and *State*; but, as City Councils are not permitted to legislate on *those subjects*, its citizens will not attribute the creation of those debts to its own corporation.

The City Taxes have been for some years at 75 cents in every 100 dollars, without advancement; and your Committee beg leave to submit the following statement of the Debt, Interest and Income:

The whole amount of City Funded Debt is	\$2,430,600
The amount of Sinking Fund is	467,888
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Actual City Debt	£ 1,962,712
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The Interest on the City Funded Debt	\$ 126,500
The Income of Sinking Fund is	23,000
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Balance of Interest	\$ 103,500
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The Water Rents for 1836, will be	\$ 99,000
The City Rental and Market Rents	36,200
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Income	\$ 135,500
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It therefore appears that the City Debt is less than two mil-

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lions, and that the income from the objects for which it was created exceeds the interest by 32,000 dollars. Such a debt should more properly be termed a *City Blessing*.

Your Committee having designed their report for the information of Councils, in a delay of erecting the Market Houses, must apologise for its extension beyond its original object.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*.
CHARLES S. SMITH,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH,
THOMAS EARP,
PETER WRIGHT,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

Thomas Earp and Peter Wright make exception to any delay in re-building the Market Houses.

Philad. 2nd mo. Feb. 11th, 1836.

Philadelphia, Feb'y. 4th, 1836.

To Richard Price, Esq. Chairman of the Committee on City Property :

SIR:—I have examined and measured the dimensions of the Market Houses in High street between Third and Eighth streets, and find that their present width and height differ very little from the measurements which are to be given to the contemplated new buildings. These dimensions will not, in the slightest degree, interfere with the passage of the Rail Road down High street, and I do respectfully recommend that the Rail Road should be first laid down and completed before the present buildings are torn down. This may be effected certainly by the 1st July next, and then, I think, the propriety of removing the present Houses will, or will not, be more apparent to the citizens interested in the contemplated improvements.

In order to effect what the Committee most desire, I propose to take up the curb stone on each side of the Market Houses, and remove the outside stalls, so as to fix the curb immediately alongside of the brick piers to prevent the hubs of wheels from striking against them, and then to lay down the inside track of Rails immediately where the present Curb now stands, which is in a plumb line under the present eave of the Market Houses; this will afford as much room as is contemplated on in the new plan, between the Footway and Railway. In the fixation of

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the *curb* alongside of the *brick piers*, I would recommend that it be laid so as to give 9 inches more headway under the eaves; which will also give as much room as that embraced in the re-buildings.

Your plan of having *six stalls* together with but *one* opening can be made out with equal propriety as the Market Houses now are, and the lost room may be made up by this arrangement of stalls.

I regret, as much as any citizen, the present unsightly appearance of the Houses in High street, and would wish them removed on that account, independently of the obstruction to the Railway, but my principal object in addressing you on this subject is for you to consider the propriety of permitting the *present buildings to remain until the Railway is finished*, and when that is done I am confident that there will be much less remorse in parting with the old buildings *altogether*, or, in the erection of new ones in their stead.

In short, a postponement of that part of the ordinance relating to the re-building of the Market Houses, until the Rail Road is finished, will be productive of a good result in every respect.

With great respect, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM STRICKLAND.

Which was read. Whereupon Mr. Earp moved that the same be referred to Committee of the Whole, with a Resolution offered by him, viz.:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to proceed forthwith to the erection of the Market House in High street between Delaware Seventh and Eighth streets, and confine their contracts, authorised by an Ordinance passed December 24th, 1835, to the building in that square until the same is completed.

Mr. Gilder moved that Council adjourn.

Mr. Wright moved that when Council adjourns, it will adjourn to next Thursday. Ordered.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 18, 1836.

Present, Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Cor. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Stacey,
Hinchman,	Troth,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.

Mr. Fraley presented a petition for the paving of Rittenhouse street, between Race and Vine and Seventh and Eighth streets.

Which was referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Ordered that Council proceed to the consideration of Mr. Earp's resolution, made the order of this day.

Mr. Earp moved that Council go into Committee of the whole. Which was lost.

Mr. Gilder moved to postpone to introduce a bill, entitled,

A Supplement to an Ordinance, passed December 29, 1835, entitled "An Ordinance, to construct a branch of the Columbia Rail Road from Broad street to the river Delaware, and for the building certain Market Houses."

Which was carried; and Mr. Gilder read in his place a bill, viz:

Be it ordained and enacted, &c.

1. That so much of the said Ordinance as respects the building of certain Market Houses, be and the same is hereby repealed.

2. That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorised to make such alterations in the present Market Houses as may in their opinion be found necessary in the construction of the contemplated Rail Road down High street.

And the motion to go into Committee of the whole being renewed, the same was carried.

Mr. Chas. S. Smith in the chair, and the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

And on the question, "Shall the Committee have leave?" the same was lost.

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A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a Report from Committee on City Property, and had passed a resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Council approve of the plan for the erection of a Market House from Middle Alley to Portland Lane, and that the incorporation of the William Penn Market Company be recommended to the favourable consideration of the Legislature, with a provision that the requisite Police officers should be appointed by the City Corporation, and their salaries paid by the Company, and that our Senators and Representatives be furnished with a copy of this resolution.

For Report, see Minutes of Select Council.

Stating, further, that Select Council had concurred in resolution sent from this Council January 14, 1836, attached to report of special Committee on making Schuylkill Permanent Bridge a Free Bridge, with an amendment.

Striking out all after word Pennsylvania where it first occurs, and inserting, "expressing the opinion of Council, that the interest of the City will be promoted by the making of the Permanent Bridge a Free Bridge, provided the same can be effected in strict conformity with the provisions of the Charter, securing to the Stockholders a fair compensation for their property; and without adding to the burdens which now press upon the City and County of Philadelphia, in placing the Bridge under the control of any other Corporation than the City."

Common Council concurred,

Mr. Fraley moved a resolution,

That the Committee on City Property be instructed forthwith to proceed to the performance of their duties under the Ordinance for making Rail Road down High street, &c.

And before the question was taken, Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1836.

Present, Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Earp,	Sailor,
Fraley,	Wm. T. Smith,
Gilder,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Cor. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Stacey,
Marshall,	Thomason,
Otis,	Troth,
Rawle,	Warner,
	Wright.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition for an opening into the Culvert in Sassafras street, from Second street to Delaware.

Mr. Gilder presented a petition for paving Schuylkill Sixth street, from Walnut to South. Both of which were read and referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley, from the Committee on Finance, made a Report; which was read:

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following statements in relation to the fiscal condition of the City of Philadelphia, believing them to be essential for a proper understanding of our financial condition, preparatory to the passing of the appropriations for the year 1836.

FIRST.

The balance in the Treasury, January 1, 1835, was \$ 5,969 14
and the receipts for the year ending December
31, 1835, amounted to

510,466 73

Derived from the following sources:

Taxes per Statement No. 1.	199,616 52
Income of the Corporate Estate,	41,763 87
Water Rents,	91,519 45
Loans,	96,875 00
Contingent Moneys from City Commissioners, City Clerks, &c. &c.	13,526 19
Interests on Sinking Fund, Sales of Stock be- longing to Sinking Fund, Redemption of Ground Rents, Premiums on Loans, &c.	24,925 99
Temporary Loans in anticipation of the Taxes,	35,000 00

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Fuel Fund,	1,942 74
Yellow Fever Fund,	1,116 37
Scott's Premium Fund,	4,480 60

\$ 510,466 73

The payments during the same period amounted to 505,461 61

Viz. To the Watering Committee,	73,288 38
To the Committee on Finance,	173,056 57
To the Committee on Police,	57,023 06
To the Committee on Public Highways,	79,850 80
To the Committee on Cleansing the City,	29,787 62
To the Committee on City Property,	60,139 21
To the Committee on Legacies and Trusts,	8,172 00
To Special Committees,	7,253 46
To the Sinking Fund paid for Stock,	16,312 00
To the Fuel Fund,	538 51
To the Scotts Premium Fund,	40 00

\$ 505,461 61

For the details of these expenditures, see Reports of Watering Committee, City Commissioners and City Treasurer, for the year 1835.

And leaving a balance in the Treasury, January 1, 1836, of \$10,974 26

SECOND.

The expenditures for the year 1836 have been estimated by the several standing Committees as follows:

Watering Committee,

Permanent Work,	\$61,000
Incidentals,	14,000

\$75,000

Committee on Finance,

Interest on City Debt,	\$ 126,231
Interest on money to be borrowed this year,	5,000
Salaries of Officers of Corporation,	17,400
Incidental Expenses, Fuel, &c.	2,000

\$ 150,631

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Committee on Police,

For Salaries of Police Officers, &c.	\$9,000
Wages of sixty Watchmen,	20,160
Oil, Rent of Police Stations, &c.	32,840
Lamps, Lamp posts, Repairs, &c.	2,000

\$64,000

Committee on Public Highways,

New Paving,	\$50,000
Sewers,	8,500
Repaving and Repairing footways, pumps, &c. and regulating streets,	16,500

75,000

Rail Road from Broad street to Delaware,	40,000
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Committee on Cleansing the City,

Salaries of Superintendants, Wages of Carters, Laborers, &c.	31,700
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Committee on City Property,

Permanent Improvements,	\$ 34,500
Ordinary Expenses,	15,500
Rebuilding Market Houses in High street be- tween Delaware Third and Eighth streets,	40,000

90,000

Committee on Legacies and Trusts,

For Distribution among Fire and Hose Com- panies,	8,100
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Special Committees,

For Expenses which may hereafter be author- ized by Councils,	8,000
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Sinking Fund,

For amount appropriated by Ordinances for the Redemption of the City Debt,	25,000
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\$ 567,431

The Committee submit the foregoing estimates in accordance with the views of the several Standing Committees charged with the care of the different branches of the public works, and leave the propriety of making the appropriations necessary to

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carry them into effect entirely within the control of Councils. For the purpose of bringing the subject before Councils for their action, the Committee herewith present "An Ordinance for raising supplies, and making appropriations for the year 1836."

THIRD.

Of the Ways and Means for the year 1836.

To supply the sum of \$ 567,431 there will be	
The balance in the Treasury, Jan. 1, 1836	\$ 10,974 26
The outstanding Taxes at the same period, amounting per statement No. 2, after de- ducting estimated commissions and allow- ances,	104,322 72
The balance of Income of the Corporate Estate for 1836, per Statement No. 3,	3,734 91
Other Miscellaneous Debts deemed good, per Statement No. 4,	3,977 47
The balance of Loans authorized by the Ordi- nances of June and November, 1835,	121,200 00
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Making together the sum of	244,209 36
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From which the following amounts are to be deducted:

The unexpended appropriations to the several Standing Committees, per Statement No. 5, and which will be required to fulfil existing contracts,	37,908 83
The Repayment of Temporary Loans and amount due the Sinking Fund,	110,144 89
The sum necessary to close the old accounts of Taxes, deficiencies in appropriations and losses from Tenants of the Corporate Estate,	52,664 79
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Making	\$ 200,718 51

And leaving the sum of \$ 43,490 85 applicable to the service of the present year.

In addition to which, the Committee propose to continue the City Tax at seventy-five cents in the hundred dollars, according to last County assessment, being the same rate as has been assessed for several years, and which on \$ 27,394,310, the assessed value

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of the Estates Real and Personal within the City, will produce	\$ 205,457 32
And the Personal Tax,	5,340 89
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	210,798 21
From which deduct commissions and allow- ances,	10,798 21
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Leaves,	200,000 00
The Duplicates for Water Rents for 1836, amount to	99,848 50
The Receipts for fractional parts of the year are estimated at	6,151 50
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	106,000 00
Deducting commissions and allowances	6,000 00
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Leaves	\$100,000 00
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The Income from the Corporate Estate, per the Report of the City Commissioners, is esti- mated at	\$32,881 50
The Receipts from Contingent Moneys, Sales of street dirt, &c.	13,526 19
The Income of the Residuary portion of the Girard Estates will yield for City pur- poses	20,000 00
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Making the sum of	366,407 69
To which add the unappropriated balance of uncollected Taxes, Loans, &c.	43,490 85
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And we have for the service of 1836	\$409,898 54
Which, if the sums estimated by the Commit- tee as necessary for the public works, are granted, will leave a deficiency of	\$158,332 46

It will be seen that a large proportion of the estimated ex-
penditures are for the construction of public improvements of a
very permanent character; some of them when finished would

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yield a direct revenue, and all seem to be called for to bring into profitable use a large body of land within the City limits, or to promote the trade, security and comfort of our citizens.

In addition to the ordinary revenue from Taxes, Water Rents, Income of Corporate Estate and Contingent Moneys, the Committee propose that twenty thousand dollars shall be taken from the income of the residuary portion of the Girard Estates; this sum with \$20,160 00 drawn from the same quarter for the pay of one half of the City Watch gives \$40,160 00 as the amount to be received from that noble legacy in aid of the taxes and for the improvement of the City the present year. The income from that portion of the Estate will be constantly increasing, as the improvements of the City and Country are extended, and will in a few years be sensibly felt in the reduction of the public burthens. To supply the deficiency of \$158,332 46 and to cover contingencies, the Committee have provided for raising the necessary sum on a loan redeemable in the year 1870, and from the the present flattering aspect of affairs it is believed the money can be obtained on the most advantageous terms, and the interest provided for without any increase of taxation.

FOURTH.

Of the Sinking Fund.

By an Ordinance passed April 14, 1824, the Committee are required to present a full report of their proceedings on the subject of the Sinking Fund annually, at the first meeting of Councils in March, but believing that it would be more satisfactory to present a view of the operation of the Fund in connection with the general Financial Statements, the period has been anticipated; and we respectfully submit the following:

The amount at the credit of the Sinking

Fund on the 1st day of March, 1835, was \$413,532 86

Of which a particular statement was then transmitted to Councils.

The receipts since that period have amounted to 70,740 05

Viz. From interest on Investments,	21,923 85
From Ground Rents redeemed,	5,183 33
From Sales of Stock,	12,332 87
From the Annual Appropriation,	25,000 00
From premiums on Loans,	6,300 00
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	\$70,740 05

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The amount of the Sinking Fund on the 1st day of March, 1836, 471,763 72

The Investments of which are particularly shown in Statement No. 6, hereto annexed,

The Stocks being taken at their par value.

The receipts on account of the Sinking Fund for the year 1836, are estimated as follows:

Interest and dividends on Investments,	\$24,000 00
Premiums on City Loans,	10,000 00
Annual Appropriation,	25,000 00
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	\$59,000 00

FIFTH.

Of the City Debt.

The Committee approach the consideration of this important item in our Finances with deep solicitude, being anxious that so fruitful a theme for the declamation of discontented and designing politicians should be placed before their fellow citizens in its true bearing on their prosperity and interests. The amount of the City debt, authorised by Ordinances passed up to the first of January of the present year, is \$470,100, bearing an interest of six per cent. per annum, and \$1,960,500 at five per cent. per annum, making a total of \$2,430,600, and subjecting the City to an annual charge of \$126,231 for the interest. This debt is redeemable at various periods, between the years 1838 and 1868, and is so arranged, that no very considerable portion of it will fall due in any one year, as will be shown by statement No. 7. We have seen that the City is now in possession of an available and highly productive Sinking Fund of \$471,763 72, which is constantly improving and increasing at compound interest, and will be nearly adequate to extinguish the several portions of the debt as they become payable. Let us, however, consider for what purposes this debt has been contracted, the income at present arising from a part of the objects on which it has been expended, and then taking a glance at its effects not only upon the prosperity of our City, but in the additional security which it has given to life, liberty and property, and in promoting good morals and industrious habits among our citizens; and ask ourselves whether we would be willing to sacrifice even the least of these advantages to free ourselves from this ideal burthen.

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The portion of the debt contracted for the permanent parts of Fair Mount Water Works from the year 1812 to December, 1835, and including the now abandoned Steam power Works, is

\$1,323,580 74

The balance of the debt, say 1,106,919 26

has been incurred by the purchase of Independence Square, by the erection of Warehouses, Wharves, &c. on City property; in building Market Houses and improving the public Squares, and for regulating and paving the public Streets.

The Water Rents for the year 1835, amounted to 92,116 82

Deduct expenses, 14,000 00

Leaves available for City purposes, \$78,116 82

The income from the corporate Estate for the year 1835, amounted to 41,763 87

The interest on the Sinking Fund investments for the year 1835, amounted to 21,923 85

And these three items alone pay the annual charge for the City debt, and leave a surplus applicable to other purposes of 15,573 54

Of our unrivalled Water Works, how can any citizen of Philadelphia speak in measured terms of praise when he considers that they not only give him one of the great necessities of life in crystal purity, but afford him the most complete protection from the ravages of conflagration, and save in the diminished rate of Insurance against fire, more than the whole interest on the debt annually. Of the effects of the debt in promoting public prosperity, and giving a healthy tone to the morals and industry of the people, let it suffice to say, that the value of Real Estate has nearly doubled in the last twenty years, and that the distribution of upwards of four hundred thousand dollars per annum among a large portion of our fellow citizens who live by honest, healthful and praiseworthy labour, has gradually enabled many of them to acquire a comfortable independence, and preserved the rest from feeling those privations which belong to poverty and dependence. To the Capitalist it has presented a fair, profitable and secure investment for his funds, and by distributing his wealth as the reward of labour and not as the property of idleness, has done more to make it *com-*

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mon property than would have been accomplished by the passing of an Agrarian law annually. A careful examination of the expenditures of the City, will satisfy any one that were we to free ourselves from debt to-morrow by parting with the property merely which it represents, there could not be any reduction of the taxes, as the current unavoidable expenses of the Corporation for the Police, for Cleansing the City, for Lighting and Watching, and for the Paving and necessary Repairs of the Public Highways, would amount to the whole sum now levied, and whilst an abandonment of the extension of the public improvements by borrowing, would paralyze the arm of many an industrious laborer, it would at the same time, begin the downward course of ruin to the prosperity of our City. We are now happily freed from the apprehension of any thing to retard our onward march; the treasures of the great West are flowing towards us by a thousand channels. Let us put out the arms of Briareus to receive them, and by a liberal and enlightened forecast, adapting our expenditures to the times and to our position, secure not only our present advantages, but extend the trade and prosperity of our City to the highest anticipations of the most enthusiastic patriot.

FRED. FRALEY,
CHAS. MARSHALL,
WILLIAM RAWLE, Jr.
RICHARD PRICE,
JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
WILLIAM T. SMITH,
H. J. WILLIAMS,

Philad. Feb. 24, 1836.

Committee of Finance.

STATEMENT No. 1.

For Taxes received in 1835.

Viz. On account of the year	1832,	\$2,748 59
"	" 1833,	3,461 64
"	" 1834,	93,561 32
"	" 1835,	99,544 97
		<hr/> \$199,316 52

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STATEMENT No. 2.

Outstanding Taxes on Dec. 31, 1835.

Year.			
1832. Samuel Reed, Collector,			\$194 67
1833. Charles Isard,	4.241	56	
Less commission and allowance,	493	04	
			\$3.748 52
1834. William T. Miller,	1.593	36	
Less commission and allowance,	1.339	50	
			253 86
" Robert E. Johnson,	1.104	84	
Less commission and allowance,	493	04	
			611 80
1835. William T. Miller,	13.728	66	
Less commission and allowance,	1.339	50	
			12.389 16
" Charles W. Schreiner,	12.678	53	
Less commission and allowance,	1.461	57	
			11.216 96
" Thomas Hartley,	10.788	66	
Less commission and allowance,	927	91	
			9.860 75
" Samuel L. Palmer,	10.005	84	
Less commission and allowance,	821	06	
			9.184 78
" James McHenry,	16.955	33	
Less commission and allowance,	1.194	24	
			15.761 09
" Daniel McCurdy,	5.466	15	
Less commission and allowance,	703	74	
			4.762 41
" Henry Manly,	8.120	51	
Less commission and allowance,	599	63	
			7.520 88
" William P. Smith,	4.680	16	
Less commission and allowance,	604	03	
			4.076 13
" Edmund J. Yard,	6.975	81	
Less commission and allowance,	790	93	
			6.184 88
" John Scholefield,	8.004	44	
Less commission and allowance,	822	27	
			7.182 17
" Thomas H. Allen,	5.209	94	
Less commission and allowance,	913	73	
			4.296 21
" Robert E. Johnston,	7.571	49	
Less commission and allowance,	493	04	
			7.078 45
			<u>\$104.322 72</u>

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STATEMENT No. 3.

The following persons became indebted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia for Rents of City Property, due on 1st January, 1836.

Willmon Whilldin,	\$187 50	David Hoops,	11 81
Dover and Norfolk S. B. Company,	400 00	John Warner,	20 00
James Lefever,	500 00	Philip Lowrey,	28 00
William Thomas,	206 20	Benj. Pugh,	7 69
T. and J. Lancaster,	50 00	Robert Hanall,	18 75
Vizey and Daniels,	125 00	C. Brainard,	6 00
Kendall S. Cropper,	150 00		
Richards and Franklin,	100 00		\$2386 91
W. and J. Stanley,	25 00		
U. S. Marshall,	150 00		
C. Johnson, Jr.	52 50		
R. C. Dickenson,	45 00		
Philadelphia Gas Works,	125 00		
Jacob V. Servill,	62 50		
Atkinson and Branson,	65 97		
Samuel Guss,	50 00		
			\$1348

OLD ARREARS.

Nathan Thompson, (in suit)	\$325
Joseph Burr,	248
Christian Young,	775
	\$1348

STATEMENT No. 4.

Debts due the City deemed good.

Vine street Sewer,	\$3,477 47
Adam Traquair, Prest. City Com.	500 00
	\$3,977 47

STATEMENT No. 5.

Unexpended appropriations, December 31, 1835.

Appropriation 1, Watering Committee,	\$ 711 62
Appropriation 2, Committee on Finance,	3,924 67
Appropriation 3, Committee on Police,	2,308 62
Appropriation 4, Committee on Public Highways,	7,302 40
Appropriation 5, Committee on Cleansing the City,	828 38
Appropriation 6, Committee on City Property,	20,509 85
Appropriation 7, Committee on Legacies and Trusts,	
Appropriation 8, Committees, Special,	2,323 29
	\$37,908 83

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STATEMENT No. 6.

*Certificates of Stock belonging to the Sinking Fund of the
City of Philadelphia, March 1, 1836.*

By whom issued.	Interest paid to.	Redeemable.	Amount.
City 5 per cents.	January 1, 1836.	January 1, 1839	\$12.800 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1840	10.000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, "	300 00
City 6 per cents.	" "	" 1, "	2.900 00
" 6 "	" "	July 1, 1845	26.000 00
City 5 per cents.	" "	January 1, 1846	16.200 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1848	9.000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1850	17.600 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1851	20.000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1855	4.200 00
" 5 "	" "	April 1, 1855	18.500 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1855	10.000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1856	25.000 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1857	2.300 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, "	12.000 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1858	13.500 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, "	2.300 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1859	34.200 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1859	15.000 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1859	30.900 00
			<hr/> 283.200 00
State 5 per cents.	February 1, 1836.	June 1, 1841	1.106 37
" 5 "	" "	" 1, "	673 46
" 5 "	" "	December 1, 1846	4.866 77
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1850	22.000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1853	15.020 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1854	11.227 77
			<hr/> 54.891 37
Schuykill Nav. Co.	February, 1836,	500 shares,	25.000 00
Schuy'l Per. Bridge,	January, 1836.	394 shares,	3.940 00
West Phil. Canal Co.	" "	100 shares,	5.000 00
West Phil. Canal Co.	" "	Loan,	5.000 00
Philad. Steam Tow Boat Company,	1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th instalments paid on	75 shares,	3.000 00
			<hr/> 41.940 00
		Total,	<hr/> \$380.034 37

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STATEMENT No. 7.

An Account of the different Loans to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, showing their respective amounts, the period of their becoming due, and Annual Interest thereon.

5 pr.ct. loans.	6 pr.ct. loans.	When Payable.		In. 5 pr. ct.	In. 6 pr. ct.	Total In.
\$26.400		July	1, 1838	\$1.320		\$1.320 00
10.000		"	1, 1839	500		500 00
	290.100	"	1, 1840		17.406	17.406 00
	10.000	"	1, 1840		600	600 00
91.900		January	1, 1840	4.595		4.595 00
33.500		"	1, 1843	1.675		1.675 00
26.000	50.000	July	1, 1845	1.300	3.000	4.300 00
386.000	70.000	January	1, 1846	19.300	4.200	23.500 00
30.000		July	1, 1848	1.500		1.500 00
57.600		"	1, 1850	2.880		2.880 00
68.000		January	1, 1851	3.400		3.400 00
30.000	25.000	"	1, 1852	1.500	1.500	3.000 00
	25.000	"	1, 1853		1.500	1.500 00
25.000		"	1, 1854	1.250		1.250 00
26.000		November	1, 1854	1.300		1.300 00
23.000		January	1, 1855	1.150		1.150 00
18.500		April	1, 1855	925		925 00
10.000		July	1, 1855	500		500 00
55.000		"	1, 1856	2.750		2.750 00
67.000		January	1, 1857	3.350		3.350 00
50.000		July	1, 1857	2.500		2.500 00
83.500		"	1, 1858	4.175		4.175 00
32.400		January	1, 1859	1.620		1.620 00
55.000		July	1, 1859	2.750		2.750 00
67.500		"	1, 1860	3.375		3.375 00
36.200		January	1, 1861	1.810		1.810 00
37.000		"	1, 1862	1.850		1.850 00
60.000		July	1, 1862	3.000		3.000 00
35.000		January	1, 1863	1.750		1.750 00
100.000		July	1, 1864	5.000		5.000 00
100.000		"	1, 1865	5.000		5.000 00
100.000		"	1, 1866	5.000		5.000 00
60.000		January	1, 1867	3.000		3.000 00
100.000		July	1, 1849	5.000		5.000 00
60.000		January	1, 1868	3.000		3.000 00
<u>\$1.960.500</u>	<u>\$470.100</u>			<u>\$98.025</u>	<u>\$28.206</u>	<u>\$126.231 00</u>

\$1.960.500 at 5 per cent. per annum, - - - - \$98 025 00
 470.100 at 6 " " - - - - 28.206 00

\$126.231 00

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DR. *The Sinking Fund of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens*

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of Philadelphia, from March 1, 1835, to March 1, 1836.

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1835.			
March	1,	By Balance, - - - - -	\$41.551 30
May	1,	Quarterly appropriations, - - - - -	6.250 00
June	30,	Six months interest on \$280.300 city 5 per cents.	7.007 50
"	30,	" " " 2.900 " 6 "	87 00
August	1,	Cash interest on \$66.891 56, state 5 "	1.672 29
"	1,	" " 6 months dividend on Schuy'l Per. Bridge,	157 60
"	1,	Quarterly appropriations, - - - - -	6.250 00
"	14,	Cash dividend on Sch'l. Nav. Company stock,	2.125 00
Novem.	2,	Quarterly appropriations, - - - - -	6.250 00
"	14,	Cash premium on loan of \$5.000, - - -	150 00
"	19,	" sales of state 5 per cent. stock, - - -	918 55
"	19,	Redemption right of 8 lots of ground on Lom. st.	5.183 33
Decem.	5,	Cash sales of state 5 per cent. stock, - - -	3.239 00
"	5,	" " " " " - - -	5.086 76
"	5,	Premium on loan, \$8.800, - - - - -	440 00
"	14,	Cash sales of state 5 per cent. stock, - - -	507 53
"	21,	" " " " " - - -	2.581 03
"	31,	" " premium on loan of \$25.000, - - -	1.250 00
1836.			
January	1,	Six months interest on \$280.300 city 5 per cents.	7.007 50
"	1,	" " " 2.900 " 6 "	87 00
"	2,	Cash premium on loan of \$12.500, - - -	625 00
"	5,	" " " 23.900, - - -	1.100 00
"	7,	" " " 13.700, - - -	685 00
"	25,	" " " 7.500, - - -	375 00
"	30,	" " " 16.000, - - -	800 00
February	2,	Quarterly appropriations, - - - - -	6.250 00
"	5,	Cash dividend on Schuy'l. Per. Bridge, -	157 60
"	5,	" interest on \$54.894 37 state 5 per ct. stock,	1.372 36
"	11,	" dividend on Schuy'l. Nav. Company stock,	2.250 00
"	15,	" premium on loan of \$17.500, - - -	875 00
			<u>\$112.291 35</u>
1836.			
March	1,	Balance, - - - - -	\$91.729 35

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Accompanied by a bill, entitled,
 “An Ordinance for raising Supplies, and making Appropriations,
 for the year 1836.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and required to levy on the estates, real and personal, within the City of Philadelphia, a tax for City purposes, of seventy-five cents in every hundred dollars, according to the last triennial County assessment, and the same amount of personal taxes as was assessed in the year 1835.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the purpose of paying the interest on the City debt, defraying the expenses of the Corporation, extending the Water Works, Paving and Cleansing the City, and Repairing and Improving the City Property, the following sums are hereby appropriated, viz:

To the Watering Committee,

For Permanent expenses,	\$61,000
For Incidental expenses,	14,000
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	75,000

To the Committee on Finance,

For Interest on the City debt,	126,231
For Interest on money to be borrowed this year,	5,000
For Salaries of the officers of the Corporation,	17,400
For Incidental expenses of the Corporation, fuel, printing, &c.	2,000
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	150,631

To the Committee on Police,

For Wages of sixty Watchmen,	20,160
For Oil, rent of Police stations, and repairs,	32,840
For new Lamp posts, Watch boxes, &c.,	2,000
For Salaries of High Constables, Special Constables, Mayor's Clerk, Clerks of the Markets, Market Watchman, Watchman in State House Steeple, &c.,	9,000
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	64,000

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To the Committee on Public Highways,

For new Paving,	\$ 50,000
For building Sewers,	8,500
For Repaving, Repairing Pumps and Wells, regulating Streets, &c.,	16,500
For constructing Rail Way from Broad street to the river Delaware,	40,000
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	115,000

To the Committee on Cleansing the City,

For Salaries of Superintendents, labour hire, horses, repairs, &c.	31,700
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To the Committee on City Property,

For Market House in High street, between Schuylkill Sixth and Seventh streets, balance of estimate,	4,000
For Market Houses in High and South Second streets, for general repairs, and finishing in Second street,	2,000
For Wharves on the Schuylkill, for building new Wharves, Repairs, and filling up,	3,500
For Wharves on Delaware, for Repairs,	1,500
For City Hall, State House, and Public Clocks,	1,500
For Taxes on City Property, county and poor,	800
For Independence Square, for its care and im- provement,	1,000
For Washington Square, for its care and im- provement,	1,200
For balance of Iron Railing, Granite—Gates, Piers, &c., on Walnut and Washington streets,	2,000
For Iron Railing, Granite—Gates, Piers, &c., on Sixth and Locust streets, to complete the Square, X	14,000

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For Franklin Square, for its care and improvement,	\$ 1,000
For completing the Iron Railing, Granite— Gates, &c., on Franklin and Vine streets, exclusive of the Burial Ground,	9,000
For Penn Square, for its care and improvement,	700
For Rittenhouse Square, for its care and improvement,	1,800
For Logan Square, for Gravel Walks, care and improvement,	2,500
For Salary of the Commissioner of City Property, estimated,	1,000
For Incidental expenses, care of Public Burial Ground, introduction of Gas Pipes into City Hall and State House, &c. &c.,	2,500
For building new Market Houses in High street, between Delaware Third and Eighth streets,	40,000
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	90,000
To the Committee on Legacies and Trusts,	
For distribution among Fire and Hose Companies,	8,100
To Special Committees,	
For expenses which may hereafter be authorised by Councils,	8,000
To the Sinking Fund,	
Annual Appropriation for the redemption of the City debt,	26,000
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	\$568,431

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for supplying the said appropriations, the taxes authorised to be levied by the first section of this Ordinance, the water rents for the year 1836, the income from

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the corporate estate for the year 1836, twenty thousand dollars from the income of residuary portion of the Girard Estates, and the contingent moneys which may be received at the City Treasury, are hereby appropriated. And in order to provide for the amount directed to be expended for the permanent improvements of the Water Works, for the improvement of the City Property, the erection of Market Houses, the extension of new Paving, and the construction of the Rail Way from Broad street to the river Delaware, the Mayor of the City is hereby authorised to borrow, on the credit of the City, in such sums and at such times as the Committee on Finance may direct, the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July, and redeemable on the first day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and not before without the consent of the holders of said loan; for which certificates shall be issued in the usual form. And any premium which may be obtained on said loan, shall go to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

Which bill was read once and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith from the Committee on Police, reported a bill, entitled,

“A Supplement to an Ordinance, authorising the Mayor to appoint a Clerk of the Western Market.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the salary of the Clerk of the Western Market shall be five hundred dollars per annum, to be computed from the first day of January last.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any Ordinance as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read a first and second time by sections, and the second being read was lost; the title ordered to stand as read, specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” the same was passed and sent to Select Council. And Select Council concurred in and passed the same.

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Mr. Gilder moved that Council concur in resolution sent from Select Council at last meeting concerning the Wm. Penn Market Company, which was carried, and Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley moved that Council proceed to consider the resolution on the table relative to the Rail Road down Market street, &c. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gilder moved that the same be indefinitely postponed. Which was lost.

And the question being about to be taken, Messrs. Gilder and Rowland called for yeas and nays; which were,

Yeas.—Messrs. Canby, Earp, Fraley, Hinchman, Lancaster, Marshall, Otis, Rawle, Wm. T. Smith, Cor. S. Smith, Troth, Wright,—12.

Nays.—Messrs. Gilder, Rowland, Sailor, Chas. S. Smith, Stacey, Thomason, Warner,—7.

So the same was carried.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith moved a resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the east side of Fifth street from High street to Chesnut, and the west side of Fifth from Chesnut to Walnut street, shall be a stand for vehicles on which persons from the country may expose for sale the produce of their farms and gardens, free of rent, until the Market Houses in High street from Third to Eighth street shall be rebuilt. The vehicles to be placed lengthwise close to the curb; but nothing herein contained shall prevent wagons and other vehicles employed in the transportation of merchandise and produce, from remaining in the said street for the purpose of lading or unlading.

Which was carried, and Select Council concurred.

A message was received from Select Council, transmitting a communication to Councils from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, as follows:

Office of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates. }
February 25, 1836. *}*

At a meeting of the Board held on the 20th inst., the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted and a copy of the same directed to be presented to Councils, viz:

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Whereas, it is stated by the Executors of Stephen Girard, that they have retained funds which have been found insufficient to complete the houses on Girard street, and that they have incurred a considerable debt for work and materials furnished for said houses, which debt remains unpaid; and whereas, immediately on being apprized of the fact that such debt had been incurred and remained unpaid, the City of Philadelphia offered to pay the said debt promptly and relieve the Executors from the labour of completing the said houses, which offer the Executors declined acceding to: And whereas, it is expedient that the said houses should be completed without delay, and that the mechanics and persons who have furnished materials should be paid the sums due to them from the Executors; Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to Councils to raise by Loan, secured by a pledge of the income from the houses on Girard street, and any sums that may be received hereafter from the Executors, the sum of one hundred and forty thousand Dollars to be paid over to the Executors of the late Stephen Girard; the said sum to be specially applied by the said Executors to the completion of the houses on Girard street, provided that the said Executors shall upon the payment of the above sum to them, or upon notification to them, that the said sum will be placed subject to their order, transfer to the Treasurer of the Girard Trust the certificates of stock in the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road, standing in the name of Stephen Girard or of the Executors of his Estate.

From the Minutes.

MORGAN ASH, *Sec'y*.

And stating that Select Council had adopted and passed the same.

On motion of Mr. Gilder that Council concur, the same was carried.

Stating further, that Select Council have received and transmitted for the information of Common Council, a Report from the Committee on City Property, concerning a plan of improving Powelton and the City property on the west side of the Schuylkill, and had passed a resolution thereto attached. Which was read, viz:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property

REPORT:

That they have been applied to by John Hare Powell, in respect to a plan which he has in prospect for laying out POWELTON

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on the west side of the Schuylkill, in large squares or lots with wide streets; but which can only be carried effectually into the contemplated improvement by the City so far uniting therewith, as to permit by mutual agreement, the said streets to be continued through the City Property on the north side of High street, west of the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge.

The interest enjoyed by the City in its Real Estate, adjoining Powelton, and a desire to promote any public improvement in our City or its vicinity, induced your Committee to examine the plan, and they find it to be as follows, viz:

The streets of the City to be continued west of Schuylkill, but of increased widths and different names, that is to say,

Filbert street to be continued as *Cambria street*, 80 feet wide.

Mulberry street as *Niagara street*, 80 feet wide.

Cherry street as *Ontario Avenue*, 120 feet wide.

Sassafras street as *Venango street*, 80 feet wide.

Vine street as *Cumberland street*, 80 feet wide.

The streets running north from High street are proposed to be as follows, viz:

The road immediately after leaving the Bridge, to be widened to 100 feet, and called *Bridgewater street*. From thence to the top of the hill, two streets, each 60 feet wide, to be called *Ohio street* and *Tioga street*.

At the top of the hill, and immediately opposite the Darby road, *Northumberland Avenue*, to be laid out 120 feet.

This is the extent that is at present proposed to be entered into; but hereafter, the ground to the West will probably be laid out in the same manner. The only street that passes through the City Property east and west, is *Cambria street*, or Filbert street continued. The other streets running north from High street, will be Ohio and Tioga streets, and the widening of the road, for Bridgewater street. The City Property does not run as far west as Northumberland avenue.

Upon an examination of the proposed plan for laying out this ground, your Committee are opinion, that it would be a great public improvement, and decidedly advantageous to the City Property on the west side of the Schuylkill; they, therefore, recommend it to the favourable consideration of Councils, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorised to enter into an arrangement with *John Hare Powel*, for the laying out and opening of certain streets and avenues through the City Property on the west side of the Schuylkill and Powelton; and that when the terms and

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conditions of said agreement shall be decided upon by said John Hare Powell and the Committee on City Property, that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to sign the same and to affix the City Seal thereto on behalf of this Corporation; and that the said agreement, when thus executed, shall be duly recorded, so that the streets thus laid out, shall not be subject to any change.

Your Committee herewith submit the plan referred to in this Report, by which the contemplated improvement will more clearly appear.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman.*
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH,
THOMAS EARP,
PETER WRIGHT,
CHARLES S. SMITH.

Philad. 2d mo. Feb. 25, 1836.

Mr. Gilder moved to strike out all after the words "City Property" in the resolution, and insert the words "and report the same to Councils for their approbation." Which was carried. And the resolution was passed as amended, and was sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred in amendment.

Stating further, that Select Council had passed a resolution:

Whereas, many of the Engine and Hose Companies of this City have laboured under the disadvantages of erecting buildings for their apparatus on grounds belonging to individuals or corporations, which they have been compelled to move at short notice, and to incur anew the expense of erecting a house: And, whereas, it is deemed that the voluntary labour of these citizens and the expenses which they incur independently of the cost of their houses, are more than their share of duty to the public: And, whereas, permanence of location, and proper distribution of the Engines and Hose Carriages are important to the effective operations of the Company, and the general safety of the citizens. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to inquire whether the City cannot, without Inconvenience, or the incurring of any considerable expense, provide sites on City Property for buildings to accommodate the Engines and Hose Carriages of Companies now extant, and not otherwise provided for.

And on motion of Mr. Warner, Common Council concurred

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Stating further, that Select Council had received, and now transmit to Common Council, the plan of a proposed Canal on the west side of Schuylkill, and had referred the same to a joint Committee of three members of each Council with instructions to confer with the Watering Committee; and had appointed Messrs. Lippincott, Chandler and Wiegand.

Common Council concurred in resolution, and the President appointed to be of said Committee, Messrs. Sailor, Chas. S. Smith and Rawle.

Ordered that Council proceed to the second reading of a bill on the table reported by Committee of Public Highways, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue.

Whereupon the same was read a second time, the title ordered to stand, duly read a third time; and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council for concurrence.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Canby,	Rawle,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rowland,	Wright.

The President laid before Council a petition of sundry citizens praying for the enactment of an ordinance compelling owners and residents of property to clear away the snow, &c.

Which was referred to Committee on cleansing the City.

Mr. Rowland presented the petition of Robert L. Pitfield, praying to be compensated for so much of his property as will be taken away by the line of Delaware Avenue.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Warner presented the petition of the Fame Hose Company, and

Mr. Rowland that of the Neptune Hose Company, praying the aid of the City in procuring a house for their apparatus.

Which were referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley moved that Council proceed to the second reading of the bill reported by him at last meeting, for raising supplies, &c.; which was carried. Whereupon the first section was read and adopted.

And the second section being read, Mr. Hinchman moved to strike out the \$1000 appropriation for Independence Square, and insert \$750.

Which was lost.

Mr. Fraley moved to strike out appropriation "for building new Market Houses in High street," and insert after the words "Eighth streets," the words "as follows:

"From income of Residuary Fund of Girard Es-	
tate,	\$20,000
"From the City Treasury,	20,000"

Which was agreed to, and the section so amended was adopted.

And the third section being read, Mr. Fraley moved to strike out the words in the 4th line, "\$20,000 from the income of the

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residuary portion of the Girard Estates;" which was ordered: And to insert after the word "July," in the 14th line, the words,

"Of which \$30,000 shall be redeemable on the 1st of January, A. D. 1867; \$30,000 redeemable on the 1st of January, A. D. 1868, and \$100,000."

And to strike out in the 14th and 15th lines the words "one thousand eight hundred and seventy," and insert "one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine."

Which were agreed to. And the section so amended was adopted.

Mr. Fraley moved to add another section, being sec. 4, viz:

SECT. 4. Be it, &c. That the sum of \$20,000 from the income of the residuary portion of the Girard Estate for the year 1836 be and the same is hereby appropriated towards the rebuilding of the Market Houses in High street between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the Girard Estate from time to time, on the requisition of the Committee on City Property, for the pay of such proportions as may be required.

Which was read and adopted.

And then the title was ordered to stand as reported.

And the bill was ordered to be read a third time. And being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" the same was passed and sent to Select Council. And Select Council concurred therein.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had referred a communication made to Councils by certain of the City Delegation in the House of Representatives in this State, respecting the enumeration of taxables in the City, to a joint Special Committee of three members of each Council, and had appointed to be of said Committee, Messrs. *Dunlap*, *Keating* and *Chandler*.

Common Council concurred, and appointed Messrs. *Fraley*, *Rawle* and *Stacey*.

Stating further, that Select Council had passed and requested the concurrence of this Council in a bill entitled "An ordinance authorizing a loan to enable the executors of the late Stephen Girard to complete the houses in Girard street." Which was read a first time, and then a second time by sections, and the

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title ordered to stand without amendment. And the same was then duly ordered to be and was read a third time, and on the question "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Stating further, that Select Council had received from the Watering Committee a Report, and had passed a Resolution, viz:

Whereas, a difference of opinion and controversy have arisen between the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, and the Commissioners of the district of Spring Garden as to the meaning of an act to authorise the widening of certain streets in the county of Philadelphia, and the said parties have agreed amicably to adjust their difference, and have petitioned for the passage of the present act of Assembly.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the second section of an act of Assembly passed on the 25th day of March, 1831, entitled, "An Act to authorise the widening of certain streets in the county of Philadelphia," shall be taken and construed to widen Coates street in the district of Spring Garden on the south side, by taking thirty feet additional to the ground occupied by the said street as laid down on the seventh division of the plan of said district, confirmed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of said county, on the 8th day of March in said year, and to continue it of said additional width by a straight line on the south side aforesaid, to a point at the distance of twelve hundred and three feet westward of the south-west corner of Fair Mount and Coates streets, and no further, and the strip or piece of ground thirty feet in width lying westward of the above space, and south of the said Coates street, or the public landing as laid down on the said seventh division, and extending from the said point at a distance of twelve hundred and three feet from the south-west corner of Fair Mount and Coates street to the river Schuylkill, shall not be deemed or taken to be part of Coates street or the public landing as aforesaid, but shall be and remain the private property of the Corporation the the city of Philadelphia, which they shall fully and freely enjoy, occupy, enclose and dispose of, and on which they may at all times hereafter, erect, construct and maintain all such additions, buildings and improvements as they shall think fit, and extend the wharf now erected and all other works on or opposite their own soil as far into the Schuylkill as they shall at any time deem expedient to protect the Water Works at Fair Mount, and preserve the purity of the water of said river,

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but shall erect no ice break, guard pier, or other structure on any part of said Coates street or public landing. And the Regulators of said district shall alter all plans thereof in conformity with this law.

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly, met.

The petition of the Commissioners of the district of Spring Garden, respectfully prays:

That a law of the Commonwealth may be passed in the terms and language of the annexed bill, for the reasons in the preamble thereof set forth.

And they will pray, &c.

As witness the signature of the President and the seal
 of the Corporation, by order of the Board.
 Signed, JOSEPH JOHNS,
President.

Attest.

Signed,
 JOHN H. FRICK, *Clerk.*

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, That the preamble and bill providing for the adjustment of the controversy between the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, and the Commissioners of the district of Spring Garden, in relation to Coates street, be approved, and that the city seal be affixed to the petition to carry the same into effect on the part of the city.

And the Resolution was concurred in.

Stating further, that Select Council had received from the Committee on Police a Report, and had passed a Resolution, viz:

The Committee on Police respectfully

REPORT:

That they have given their attention to the resolutions of Councils, instructing them to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the number of the silent Watch, and concluded that at this time it is altogether inexpedient, as the number now employed is, in their opinion, sufficient, with attention, to effect all the purposes for which they were first engaged.

They also have duly considered the petition of Abel Pond,

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one of the Watchmen, wherein he requests Councils to remunerate him for lost time occasioned by sickness; and are of opinion, that pay should never be given to any Watchman when attacked with ordinary sickness, inasmuch as it would be almost impossible to ascertain the exact time the individual was incapacitated from attending to his duty; and, moreover, would be establishing a bad precedent. With these views of the subjects, your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That they be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution and petition above referred to.

JOHN P. WETHERILL, *Chr'n. pro tem.*
 BENJ. M. HINCHMAN,
 HENRY SAILOR,
 CORNELIUS S. SMITH,
 JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
 THOMAS DUNLAP,
 JOHN WIEGAND.

And the Resolution was concurred in.

Stating further, that Select Council had passed a Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to proceed forthwith to the erection of the Market House in High street, between Delaware Seventh and Eighth streets, and confine their contracts authorized by an ordinance passed December 24, 1835, to the building in that Square until the same is completed.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Councils met at 4, to elect members of the Board of Health.

Present, Messrs. Canby,	Rawle,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Gilder,	Thomason,
Lancaster,	Troth,
Marshall,	Warner,
Rowland,	Wright.

Ordered, that Select Council be informed that this Council is

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ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting to elect six members of the Board of Health.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council requested the concurrence of Common Council in a Resolution, viz:

That Select and Common Council will in joint meeting proceed to elect an Assistant Clerk of Councils.

Common Council concurred.

The President, Clerk and members of Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the meeting, and appointed Mr. Lewis, of Select Council, Teller. The President of Common Council appointed Mr. Warner, of Common Council, Teller.

And the votes for members of the Board of Health being collected and counted, were reported to the President, who declared that

Dr. Wm. W. Gerhard	having	18	votes,
T. B. Freeman	"	21	"
Henry Bond	"	19	"
James Hutchinson	"	13	"
Wm. E. Lehman	"	21	"
Gerard Ralston	"	17	"

Were duly elected.

And the votes for an Assistant Clerk of Councils being collected and counted, were reported to the President, who declared that

William S. Stevenson, having twenty-three votes, was duly elected.

The Convention was dissolved, and Select Council retired.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a Report, and had passed a Resolution, and requested the concurrence of this Council, viz:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The joint special Committee appointed on the 10th March, 1836, to whom was referred a communication from the Representatives of the City in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, dated March 3, 1836,

REPORT:

That from the examination the Committee has been able to give to the subject referred, the following appears to be a correct statement of facts.

By the Act of Assembly of January 6, 1821, providing for a

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Septennial enumeration of the taxables, &c. the Commissioners of the county are commanded on or before the 1st day of November, 1821, and septennially thereafter, to issue their precept to the township, ward, or district assessors, requiring them in the time and manner designated in the said act, to proceed to an enumeration of the taxables, &c. That upon the 15th September, 1835, the Commissioners of Philadelphia county took the oath prescribed by this act, and upon the 19th of September, 1835, appointed thirteen individuals, not assessors in any ward of the city, to proceed to make the enumeration called for by the act in the city. The names of the assessors of the different wards, for the years 1835 and 1836, and the names of the persons so appointed by the county Commissioners on the 19th of September, 1835, will be found in a paper hereto appended, marked A.. and in the same document will appear the enumerations of taxables made in the years 1828 and 1835 respectively.

The mode adopted by the Commissioners for the taking of the enumeration of 1835, appears to your Committee to have been a plain violation of the letter and spirit of the act, and was so regarded at the time by the assessors, who, as the duly authorised agents to perform this duty, tendered themselves to the Commissioners immediately after the last election in October, 1835, for the execution of their duties under the law, but were rejected—although your Committee is informed, and believes correctly, that in the County of Philadelphia the precept was regularly issued to the then Assessors of the different wards and townships. From the preceding statement, it is obvious that no legal enumeration of the taxables of the City of Philadelphia has been made at the last septennial period, and there is strong reason to doubt the accuracy or fairness of that which was actually taken.

Under these circumstances, your Committee cannot doubt of the liberality and justice of the Legislature of the Commonwealth, nor question its readiness to apply an immediate remedy for this neglect and violation of law in a populous and important section of the State, and therefore present the following Resolution:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Representatives of the City and County in the Legislature of the Commonwealth be requested to use their efforts to obtain the immediate passage of a law authorizing Councils to make an enumeration of the taxables within this City, and to report the same to the Governor of the Commonwealth, forthwith, in lieu of the irregular and imperfect enumeration made in September last by the County Commissioners.

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<i>Commissioners, qualified 15th Sept. and made the ap- pointments on 19th.</i>	<i>Assessors for</i>	1835.	1836.
James E. Gibson, same, Joseph Ruff, same, John L. Smith, Thomas Cooper, Wm. Dubois, Patrick M'Corker, Theo. Evans, Thomas Pratt, R. Desilver, John K. Johnson, Robert Cooper, Thomas Black, Alex. E. Dougherty	Upper Delaware, North Mulberry, Lower Delaware, South Mulberry, High street, North, Chesnut, Middle, Walnut, South, Dock, Locust, Pine, Cedar, New Market,	Ebenezer Mustin, Reuben Savidge, Fred'k Erringer, Lewis Walker, Thomas Snowdan, Joseph Price, sen. David Johns, Giles Love, Saml. Haydock, Thomas Morrell, John O'Neal, John Rutherford, C. F. Hoeckly, John Lindsay, John Ashmead,	Jarvois Webster. Reuben Savidge. Fred'k Erringer. Lewis Walker. Jas. Wainwright. Joseph Price, sen. John Horten. Geo. W. Davis. Saml. Haydock. Thomas Morrell. Stephen H. Simons Britton Corlies. C. F. Hoeckly. John Lindsay. Thos. G. Connor.

<i>Wards.</i>	1828.		1835.		<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
Upper Delaware,	1216		1142			74
Lower Delaware,	1501		1285			216
High street,	914		825			89
Chesnut,	821		837		16	
Walnut,	1117		739			378
Dock,	863		899		36	
Pine,	1020		869			151
New Market,	1452		1472		20	
		8,904		8068		
North Mulberry,	1011		1470		459	
South Mulberry,	1051		1230		179	
North,	1393		1710		317	
Middle,	774		1023		249	
South,	599		1103		504	
Locust,	1364		1659		295	
Cedar,	1446		2186		740	
		7,638		10381		908
		16,542		18449		
			18449		908	
			1907		1907	
	1821.		1828.		1835.	
City, - -	12696		16542		18449	
County, -	15196		20750		31398	

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DUNLAP,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
FRED. FRALEY,
WM. H. KEATING.

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And the same being read, Common Council concurred.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 24, 1836.

Present Messrs. Canby,	Rawle,
Darragh,	Rowland,
Earp,	Sailor,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Stacey,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
	Wright.

Mr. Fraley presented a petition against the practice of certain Market people in High street between Delaware Second and Third streets, shutting up the shutters of their stalls, &c. Which was read.

Mr. Fraley offered a resolution, viz:

That the Clerks of High street Market be instructed to cause the nuisance complained of as existing in the Market between Delaware Third and Second streets, by the closing of the shambles contrary to the ordinance, to be forthwith removed.

Which was adopted and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gilder presented petitions for the paving of Schuylkill Fifth between Spruce and Pine, Quince street between Spruce and Pine, and Pine street from Schuylkill Seventh to Front street. Which were referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition praying Councils to repeal the ordinance for the construction of a Rail Road down Market street, &c., and moved that it be referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman moved that it be laid on the table. Which was carried.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from the Assistance Fire Company, praying for a site for their Engine House. Which was referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Thomason presented a petition from the Clerks of High street Market, setting forth and complaining of certain grievances. Which was referred to Committee on Police.

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Mr. Fraley presented the following resolutions, which were read and adopted.

Whereas, the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia by several agreements with the President, Managers and Company of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, purchased the whole of the surplus water and water power of the river Schuylkill at Fair Mount, which should remain after supplying the locks and canal of the said Company, in order that the said City and adjoining districts might be furnished with water for domestic and manufacturing purposes.

And the City of Philadelphia under the said agreements, has, at an expense of upwards of one hundred thousand dollars, erected a dam and other works in the said river at Fair Mount for the supply of the canal and locks of said Company, and made contracts with the Corporations of the adjoining districts and with her own citizens, to furnish the water of the river Schuylkill for the purposes before designated, and is bound to maintain and keep in repair forever, the said Dam, Canal and Locks, and to pass boats coming from above the Locks at Flat Rock toll free; for the performance of which engagements, the whole of the water and water power of the said river are now absolutely necessary. And, whereas, the Select and Common Councils have learned that a bill is now pending before the Senate of this Commonwealth, authorising the Governor to incorporate a Company to enter upon the Works at Fair Mount, and take therefrom a supply of water for a canal to extend to Mill Creek, (the same not being part of the canal and locks of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, but an independent and distinct work) without providing that the consent of the constituted authorities of the City shall be first obtained, or in any way securing her vested rights in the water and water power of the said river. And the Select and Common Councils believing that the passing of the bill in question will impair the obligations of the contracts entered into by the City, and entirely destroy the value of the estate acquired from the Navigation Company on the faith of their charter. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislature of this Commonwealth be earnestly and respectfully solicited to withhold their consent from any bill authorising the incorporation of a Company to construct a canal or basin from Fair Mount Dam to Mill Creek, and that the Representatives of the City in both branches of the Legislature, be requested to use their best exertions in opposition to a scheme, which, if successful, would place the health and safety of our citizens at the mercy of a private corporation.

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Resolved, That copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be signed by the Presidents of Councils, that the seal of the City be affixed thereto and transmitted to the Legislature.

A message was received from Select Council stating that Select Council had passed a resolution:

Resolved, That the subject of the enumeration of the taxables of the City be referred to the joint Special Committee, to which the letter from the members of the City on that subject was referred.

Common Council concurred.

Stating further, that Select Council had received a petition from the City Constables, asking Councils to pay the expenses of the late ward election, and have referred the same to the Committee on Finance, with power to act. Common Council concurred.

Stating further, that Select Council concurred in resolution from Common Council, directing Clerks of the High street Market to cause certain nuisances to be removed from the Market House between Second and Third streets.

Stating further, that Select Council had received and transmitted for the information of this Council, a report from the Committee on City Property. Which was read and laid on the table. (For report, see Minutes of Select Council.)

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present all the members.

Mr. Thomason presented the petition of the Hand in Hand Fire Company, praying the aid of Councils.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Warner presented the remonstrance of victuallers and others against a Resolution passed at last meeting, ordering the shutters of the shambles to be kept open, &c.

Which was referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Otis presented certain Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of Moyamensing Township, viz.:

Extract from the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Moyamensing, at a meeting held on the 4th inst.

"Whereas, Many of the citizens residing in the North Western part of this township are desirous of introducing the Schuylkill water into their premises, and whereas at present this corporation is unable to comply with their wishes, in consequence of the main pipe not being laid in Cedar street. Therefore,

"Resolved, That we will most respectfully solicit the City authorities to cause the conduit pipes to be laid in Cedar street, from Eleventh to Broad street.

"Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to transmit copies of the above resolution to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia."

HENRY HELMUTH,

April 6, 1836.

Clerk.

Which were read and referred to the Watering Committee.

Mr. Otis presented the petition of sundry citizens praying for the introduction of Schuylkill water pipes in Cedar street, from Eleventh to Broad street.

Which was referred to the Watering Committee.

Mr. Fraley presented the petition of sundry citizens, praying for the re-paving of Pine street, between 3rd and 4th streets.

Mr. Gilder presented petitions for the paving of Rittenhouse, Myrtle and Jefferson streets with a plan, and of Ann street, Locust and Schuylkill Seventh streets, from Pine to Locust.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

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Mr. Fraley presented the petition of Mr. Francis Clark, Inspector of Clocks, &c., praying compensation. Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Wright offered a resolution,

“That the assistant Clerk of Councils be directed to procure a copy of Tannér’s Map of the City of Philadelphia for each member of Councils, and to have them prepared so as to designate on them the streets that are yet unpaved.”

Which was passed, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Charles Smith moved a resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the felloes of the wheels of all carts, wagons and wains, hauling one or more tons over the paved streets of the city, made four inches in width from side to side.

Which was passed, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is of vital importance to the trade and general prosperity of the City of Philadelphia, that a canal, sufficient to pass the trade of the river Susquehanna, should be constructed, if practicable, from that river to the City of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That a joint Committee of three members of each Council be appointed to inquire into the expediency of having a survey and examination made at the expense of the city, to ascertain the practicability of constructing such a canal.

Which was passed. The President appointed Messrs. Wm. T. Smith, Rowland and Wright to be of said Committee on the part of this Council, and the same was sent to Select Council.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and had passed a resolution thereto attached.

And the same was read.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property, request leave to

REPORT:

That they have made contracts for a large portion of the materials and workmanship of the Market Houses, to be re-built in High street, from Delaware Third to Eighth street, and shall

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proceed with the re-building as soon as they can get the Iron columns. During the removal and building, it will be necessary to provide suitable and convenient locations for the butchers and country people, and your committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the tearing down and re-building of the Market Houses in High street, from Delaware Third to Eighth street, that the butchers, and country people with the produce of their farms and gardens, who are now renters of the stalls and stands in said Market houses, may occupy Delaware 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th streets, from Chesnut to Mulberry streets, with their carts or wagons, to be placed lengthwise, close to the curbs: but nothing herein contained shall prevent wagons and teams employed in the transportation of merchandise and produce, from remaining in either of said streets, for the purpose of lading or unlading.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*.
THOMAS EARP,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
PETER WRIGHT,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH.

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And on motion that Common Council do concur in the resolution, the same was carried, and the Resolution sent back to Select Council.

Stating further, that Select Council had concurred in a bill sent from this Council, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor." With sundry amendments, viz. in sect. 2, lines 2 and 3, striking out "\$21.000," and inserting \$18.500.

And in sect. 3, striking out the last clause, and inserting, "To Rebecca, Catharine and Elizabeth Hopkins, \$1.800.

"For extension of Wharves, Paving, Carting, &c., \$5.200."

And on motion of Mr. Rawle, the amendments were laid on the table, and afterwards considered and concurred in.

Mr. Earp asked leave to present a petition for the paving of Cedar street. Which was granted, and the petition was read and referred to Committee on Public Highways.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 21, 1836.

Present Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor.
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Cor. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner,
Rawle,	Wright.

The President laid before Councils communications from the City Commissioners and City Clerk, accompanying the printed quarterly statements of the receipts and expenditures. Which were referred to Committee on Finance.

And also a letter from a Committee of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company, accompanying a printed memorial. Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Rowland presented petitions for paving Third street between Race and Vine, and West street, near Schuylkill.

Mr. Otis for paving Ashton street, and

Mr. Otis and Mr. Rowland for a Culvert in Walnut from east side of Beech street to Schuylkill, and for paving Walnut from Beech street to head of new wharf. All of which were referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Darragh presented the petition of certain victuallers, praying that their rights and stands may be ascertained during the alteration of the Market Houses.

Mr. Thomason the petition of the American Hose Company.

Mr. Warner the petition of the Washington Engine Company.

Mr. Fraley the petition of the Diligent Hose Company, all praying the aid of Councils.

And all of which were referred to Committee on City Property.

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Mr. Fraley presented the following communication.

To the Select and Common Councils:

Gentlemen,—The undersigned respectfully resign their situation as members of the Committee on Public Clocks.

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ISAIAH LUKENS,
W. H. C. RIGGS.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Fraley offered a resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be requested to examine a certain ten feet alley, between Buckley and Powel streets, and Fifth and Sixth streets, with power to take such order in regard to paving the same as they may deem expedient. Select Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland from Committee on Public Highways made a

REPORT:

Viz: The Committee on Public Highways respectfully report,

That they have viewed the streets and alleys hereinafter named, and submit the annexed resolution.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved, the following streets, viz:

For new paving at \$1 00 per yard,

Locust street from Broad to Schuylkill Seventh st.,	\$2432 50
Schuylkill Eighth street from Locust to Walnut,	1069 00
Rittenhouse street between Schuylkill Fifth and Sixth, and Spruce and Locust,	642 50
Filbert street between Schuylkill Fifth and Sixth,	1288 50

For repaving at 50 cents per yard,

Delaware Third between Vine and Sassafras,	\$913 00
Sassafras between Delaware Fifth and Sixth,	573 00
Mulberry street from east side of Tenth street to west side of Twelfth,	1784 00
Eleventh between High and Chesnut,	699 00
Twelfth from Mulberry to Sassafras.	890 00

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Walnut from Twelfth to Juniper,	\$1005 00
Pine street from Delaware Third to Fourth,	572 00
Budden's Alley from Twelfth to Thirteenth,	176 00
Taylor's Alley from Delaware 7th to Eighth street,	
below Chesnut,	179 00
Pryor's Alley to Tenth street,	176 00
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	\$12400 00

And that the City Commissioners be also directed to have the following inlets made.

One at north-east corner Delaware Second and Sassafras street,	} 130 00
One at south-east do. do.	
One at north-east corner of Delaware Third and Cedar street,	} 140 00
One at south-east do. do.	
One at south-west corner of Delaware Seventh and Washington street, opposite the house of W. Meredith, the old inlet being decayed and a new one necessary,	\$50 00

The Committee also recommend the passage of the following ordinance:

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Culvert in Vine street between Delaware Front and Third streets.”

Sec. 1. Be it, &c. That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Culvert to be constructed in Vine street, from west side of Delaware Front street to the west side of Delaware Third street, of a diameter not exceeding 3½ feet.

Ordered that the resolutions pass and be sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Ordered that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance. Whereupon the same was so read and the title ordered to stand as read, and the same was on motion, specially read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council. Select Council concurred.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and had passed a bill thereto attached, and requested the concurrence of this Council.

Whereupon the report and bill were ordered to be read, viz:

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To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property request leave to

REPORT:

That they have had under constant attention, the various petitions for the improvement of the Drawbridge Property, by an extension of the Wharf for Steamboat and commercial purposes, and by the erection of Tobacco Inspection Warehouses, for the encouragement of that important trade. Your Committee having examined various plans for the accomplishment of these objects, have fixed upon such as they believe will be most advantageous to the city, and now submit them to Councils.

The width of the Wharf at the Drawbridge, owned by the city, is 210 feet; of which the present wharf is 45 feet wide,

With a north dock of	55 feet,
And a south dock of	110 feet,

Total 210 feet.

It is proposed to extend the present wharf 28 feet into the stream, and to widen it 80 feet; to leave the north dock of its present width, and a south dock of 30 feet. To fill up the heads of the present docks, so as to leave more ground east of Delaware Avenue, and to make the docks 104 feet deep. The wharf and docks under the proposed improvement, will be as follows, viz:

Width of wharf,	125 feet,
The north dock,	55 feet,
The south dock,	30 feet,

210 feet.

The end of the wharf will be used by steamboats, and the two docks for commercial purposes. The estimated cost of this improvement will probably be \$20,000, and will pay the city a very heavy interest on the expenditure.

Your Committee very early came to the conclusion, that the trade of the city required the erection of a Tobacco Inspection Warehouse; and as it was not probable that so large an expenditure would be made by private enterprise, it would therefore be necessary that it should be done by the corporation, who are the owners of a lot admirably calculated for the object, bounded by Front, Dock and Spruce streets. It is estimated that upwards of six thousand hogsheads of Tobacco is received annually in our city, by the Delaware and by our Canals and Rail Roads;

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and that a portion thereof has passed to Baltimore and Georgetown for inspection and sale: but that the quantity could be readily increased to double, if a suitable warehouse, and a good inspection was established that would command the confidence of the public.

The lot is 222 feet 9 inches on Dock street, 277 feet 6 inches on Spruce street, and 102 feet on Front street: and your Committee would recommend, that five store houses be built on Front street, 50 feet deep, leaving an opening in the rear of 20 feet for light and air, and to erect a Tobacco Inspection Warehouse on Dock and Spruce, being 152 feet on each of those streets, by 102 feet deep. It will possess the advantage of light and air on all four sides.

The estimated expense of these stores and warehouse, is \$55,000, and when the immense extent of building is considered, the estimate will not be considered large.

In order to carry out the improvements of this important section of our city, which has been long demanded, not only for bringing into use the valuable property owned by the corporation, but to facilitate our trade, it will be requisite to improve the vacant lot owned by the city, bounded by Delaware Avenue and Water street, and fronting on the north side of Dock street. Its dimensions are 136 feet on Dock street, by 100 feet deep on Water street and Delaware Avenue; and your Committee would recommend the erection of seven store houses, four stories high, which would produce an excellent income on the expenditure. The estimated cost is \$25,000. In order to meet the amount thus proposed to be expended, your Committee would recommend that a loan of \$100,000 be obtained. The annual interest would be \$5000, whilst a moderate calculation of income will be \$5000.

In order to carry out these views, your Committee herewith submits "An ordinance for extending the wharf, and building Stores and a Tobacco Warehouse at the Drawbridge."

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman.*
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
PETER WRIGHT,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH,
THOMAS EARP.

Philad. 4th mo. April 21, 1836.

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“An Ordinance for extending the Wharf, and building Stores and a Tobacco Warehouse at the Drawbridge.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorised to extend the wharf at the Drawbridge, in such manner as to render it best calculated to suit a steamboat landing, and for commercial purposes.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorised to erect Store houses, and a Tobacco Inspection Warehouse on the lot of ground at the Drawbridge, bounded by Front street on the east side, Dock street on the north, Spruce street on the south, and little Dock street on the west.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorised to improve the lot of ground at the Drawbridge, bounded by Dock street on the south, by Delaware Avenue on the east, by Water street on the west, and by property of — on the north, by the erection of four story Store houses thereon.

Sec. 4. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of \$100,000 be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Committee on City Property, for the purpose of carrying into effect this ordinance, and that the Mayor of the city is hereby authorised to borrow on the credit of the city, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of \$100,000, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first day of January and July, redeemable on the 1st of January, 1855, and not before, without the consent of the holders of said loan, for which certificates shall be issued in the usual form, and any premium which may be obtained on said loan, shall go to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

And the bill was then ordered to be read a second time, and being so read, the title was ordered to stand as read, and the

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same was then on motion, specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Stating, further, that Select Council had received a report from the joint Special Committee to consider the plan of a basin and tide locks in Schuylkill, and had passed the resolutions. And the same was then read.

The joint Special Committee appointed by Councils 25th February last, with instructions to confer with the Watering Committee, to whom was referred a plan of a proposed canal or basin on the west side of the river Schuylkill, after having several meetings, and eliciting all the information within their reach, and duly considering the subject, offer the following

REPORT.

By the completion of our canals, a new source of trade has within a few years developed itself, which promises to be of great importance, not only to the city of Philadelphia, but to the state of Pennsylvania.

Anthracite coal, the production of Pennsylvania exclusively, is fast taking the place of wood as the common fuel of the country; its increased consumption and importance is shown by the quantity brought down the Schuylkill canal since its completion.

In 1825, the quantity received was 6,500 tons.

In 1835, it had increased to 339,508 "

And the demand rapidly increasing; about 250,000 tons were exported in 1835, generally in vessels of 100 to 150 tons, and requiring two thousand vessels to carry it off. From the above data, an idea of the importance of the trade may be formed. In fact, anthracite coal will become one of the great staple articles of Pennsylvania, and to foster and protect it would seem to require particular attention.

One of the greatest difficulties experienced by the traders, is the want of convenient landings, sufficiently capacious upon which to deposit the coal on arrival at our city from the mines. Being bulky, a very large extent of wharf is required, not only for the convenience of the numerous boats bringing it down to lay at in safety, and discharge, but ample space to deposit it;

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also wharves for the sea vessels to lie at in receiving their cargoes.

The present improvements on the river are entirely inadequate to the object, great inconvenience is experienced from the crowded manner in which the sea vessels and coal boats are mixed together loading and discharging.

The location of the proposed plan is on the west side of the river Schuylkill, on the low grounds extending from the upper Bridge to the lower end of the Alms House property, a distance of more than two miles, embracing the whole city front, as follows:

To be formed into at least two or more long basins, one hundred and fifty feet wide, to be wharfed in a continuous line on the river side, also on the basin or inner side, leaving a space between the two lines of wharves, of about one hundred and fifty feet wide, as a landing for coal, &c. The space to be filled up to a proper height by the earth and mud excavated in forming the basin—to have at each end a tide lock, also one in the middle, and if necessary a left lock, through which boats can pass at all times of tide, both in and out of the basin. The tide locks to be thrown open as soon as the flood tide in the river rises sufficiently to open the gates freely and admit a free passage of the water, and the coal boats in and out the basin. The gates to remain open until the tide recedes, when the gates are to be shut to maintain a proper height of water in the basin so as to keep the boats always afloat, never suffering it to fall more than a foot below high water mark. This uniformity in the water level, removes one of the great objections experienced in discharging coal at the present landings, when it must be thrown six feet in height at low water; which, in addition to the extra labour, has a tendency to break it up and render it less valuable.

The plan also affords a continuous towing path, an ample extent of wharf, where the coal boats may lie at all times in perfect safety, not incommoded by the sea vessels; which are to be arranged on the river side of the basin, entirely separated from each other; the coal, &c. between them, handy to both, and affording to the trade, a space for its accommodation double that which can be obtained without a basin.

The plan of tide locks and docks or basins has been long in use in London and Liverpool. All the shipping there enter them to discharge and load their cargoes, and are considered, after long experience, as affording the best accommodation for the convenience and safety of trade.

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The ground upon which the plan is proposed to be located, is at present a marsh, several hundred feet in width nearly the whole distance, and is mostly covered with water at high tide, and left bare when the tide recedes, exposed to the action of the sun, which, in hot weather, has more or less tendency to produce an unhealthy effect upon the surrounding country and the city; this inconvenience, or it may be said *nuisance*, it is believed will be entirely removed if the plan is carried into effect. All the owners of property along its range will be equally benefitted.

It has no connection with Fair Mount Dam, and as far as the information received by the Committee goes, they have at present no reason to believe that it will have any tendency to injure the Water works.

There is intimately connected with the subject referred to the Committee, the necessity of a general plan for the future government of improvements on the river Schuylkill, to be sanctioned by the Legislature, restricting the building of wharves, &c. to such limits as will leave at all points, an equal space and area through which the water may pass in times of heavy freshets. For the accomplishment of this desirable object, the soundings and width of the river were taken from the Water Works to Gray's Ferry, by order of Councils, in 1831 and 1832, and published together with numerous documents on the subject, to which the Committee beg leave particularly to refer, as furnishing data by which such general plan should be governed.

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Watering Committee be, and are hereby authorised, with the advice of the Wardens of the port, to prepare a plan for the future government of improvements on the river Schuylkill in the erection of wharves, &c. so as to preserve at all points, an area and space through which the water may pass, particularly in times of heavy freshets; and that the same be presented to the Legislature as early as practicable for their sanction, and the enactment of such laws as may in their wisdom be deemed necessary in the premises.

Resolved, That the plan of basins and tide locks to be constructed on the west side of the river Schuylkill, immediately opposite the city of Philadelphia, for the accommodation of the coal trade as described in the foregoing report, is approved: Provided, they are so constructed as to conform to such regu-

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lations as Councils may recommend to the Legislature of the state for their sanction.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject submitted to them.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
BENJ. M. HINCHMAN,
FRED. FRALEY,
JOHN S. WARNER,
DENNIS MCCREDY,
THOS. LANCASTER,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
WILLIAM RAWLE, JR.
JOHN WIEGAND,
CHAS. S. SMITH.

And the resolutions thereto attached were considered and passed, and sent back to Select Council.

Mr. Warner presented a resolution directing the Clerks of Council to present to the corporation of the city of New Ark, two copies of the Digest of Ordinances, and fifty copies of Mr. Binney's Eulogium on Mr. Chief Justice Marshall. Which was adopted and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

And then the Council adjourned.

MONDAY, May 2, 1836.

Council met at four o'clock, to elect Inspectors of the Prison.

Present Messrs. Darragh,	Otis,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Sailor,
Hinchman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Troth,
Marshall,	Wright.

The President stated, that as the election of Inspectors was by a joint vote of both Councils, and a quorum of the members of Select Council was not present, this Council could not proceed in the election.

Mr. Earp moved that Council adjourn. Which was carried.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Cor. S. Smith,
Marshall,	Troth,
Lancaster,	Wright,
Rawle,	Warner.

Ordered that the minutes of last meeting be amended by referring the resignation of Messrs. Riggs and Lukens to the Committee on City Property.

A communication from James Hutchinson, the President of the Board of Inspectors, was laid by the President before Councils, stating that there were three vacancies in the Board. Laid on the table.

Mr. Wright presented a petition relative to the watering of the streets. Which was referred to the Committee on Cleansing the City, with power to act. Select Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition for the paving of Delaware Front street, between Mulberry and Sassafras. Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley from the Committee on Finance made a report on the memorial of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company, viz:

The Committee on Finance to whom were referred the several memorials of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company,

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asking such aid from Councils as would enable them to complete the said road, having given such an examination to the subject as their time would permit, present the result of that examination, and accompany it with an ordinance for effecting the desire of the Company without any prejudice to those purely local interests of which the Councils are the special guardians.

The Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company was incorporated in the year 1826, for the purpose of connecting the fertile and valuable lands on both branches of the river Susquehanna with the improvements on the Schuylkill river, affording the nearest and it is believed, most eligible route for the conveyance of the products of the central portion of our state to its own commercial metropolis. By several supplements to its charter, its powers have been enlarged and made fully adequate to embrace and make valuable several great lines of inter-communication, which are now either in rapid progress to completion, or have been projected under such auspices as leave a strong impression that they will be immediately prosecuted should means be obtained for finishing the line of road forming the immediate subject of this report. The total length of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road, when finished, will be about forty-five miles, of which twelve miles on the eastern, and fourteen on the western section are now finished and ready for the transportation of commodities in the one case to the Schuylkill, and in the other, to the state improvements at Sunbury on the Susquehanna. A considerable proportion of work for the middle section has been prepared, and there seems to be no doubt that the whole line could readily be completed in about eighteen months, were the company in possession of the means to effect it. The capital stock of the company now authorised by law, is \$1,000,000, and about \$328,000 have been received in subscriptions from private stockholders. Of this sum, \$200,000 were subscribed by the late Stephen Girard, and the city as his residuary legatee, is now the owner of that vast interest in the work. Difficulties growing out of some of the features of the charter in regard to its power of mining coal and some changes in the location and termination of the work, have prevented so large a subscription to the capital in the immediate vicinity of the road as had been originally expected, and the want of means to carry it on arising from these causes, induced the company to apply to the Legislature for aid from the Commonwealth. In the year 1834, that application was successful, and a loan, the interest of which was guaranteed by the state for twenty-seven years, amounting to \$300,000 was authorised, and a large proportion of it applied as directed, to the completion of the western end of the road. The whole amount received by the company is \$621,940 36,

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and the amount expended for the construction of the road, machinery, &c. was on the 24th October, 1835, the latest period to which the company have had an opportunity of referring; \$588,349 48, and the expenditures up to the present time, we understand, have absorbed the whole of the funds belonging to the company.

At the time the loan of \$300,000 was guaranteed by the state, it was hoped that the importance of the work and the confidence then manifested in it, would have induced private subscriptions to an extent sufficient to complete it; but the subsequent embarrassments of the currency, and the vast number of other projects for internal improvement, have withdrawn from the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company that patronage which is absolutely essential to its success. Waiving for the present, any argument drawn from the general character of the improvement, as conducing to the prosperity of the city, and confining our view of it solely to its bearing on a portion of the city estate exclusively, it appears to the Committee to form a subject of deep importance to the Councils in a pecuniary point of view alone. It has already been seen that the Corporation is now the proprietor of more than one half of the stock actually paid in, and that the whole sum thus invested, will in a very short time, be entirely lost unless the work is completed.

Added to this, the road passes through the extensive and valuable tracts of coal lands belonging to the city, a legatee of Mr. Girard, and these must for a long series of years remain unproductive and burdensome to the city, without a means of transportation for their products to the Susquehanna is afforded. It is believed that the anthracite coal, from the region now under consideration, is the nearest to the city of Baltimore, and the completion of the road will at once make our lands available for the supply of that city, whilst from the eastern side, the same lands may profitably be worked for the Philadelphia market; and thus a capital of nearly half a million of dollars invested by the great benefactor of the city, to promote her trade and increase the comfort of her citizens, will yield the fruits which he had anticipated, and tend to diminish the pressure of taxation. Should relief be withheld for any considerable time, the portions of the road not entirely finished, will be prostrated by the influence of the seasons, and the vast sum expended on a work full of promise, be sunk entirely. The Committee after glancing at a few matters of general moment which naturally attach themselves to this question, will submit a plan securing the completion of the work, and guarding the city from any ultimate loss by the undertaking. Among the splendid conceptions of the present time, there are none more imposing than those projects of internal improvement which are intended to

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connect the Atlantic states with the rapidly improving and immense territories of the western portion of the Union; and the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road forms an important link in the chain. It will be recollected, that the Williamsport and Elmira Rail Road now in progress, and under the favourable impulse of such a subscription from the Bank of the United States as will insure its completion, taps the great New York and Erie Rail Road at Elmira, and by a continuation of the road to Sunbury, and the filling up of several intermediate lines of road, will give us the entire command of that rival work by an advantageous difference of distance of nearly eighty miles, and by a continuous Rail Road. But should the completion of these intermediate lines be postponed, of which there does not now seem any probability, the Avenues for the trade furnished by the state canal and the Schuylkill Navigation Company, give us for all purposes, as complete advantage of the New York improvement as her own citizens will enjoy. These would seem to furnish sufficient inducement to aid the work; but the local trade of the valley of the Susquehanna in coal, iron, timber and grain, instead of seeking a market in Baltimore by the circuitous navigation of that river, will, by the completion of this work, be thrown into the proper channel and reach our metropolis without paying tribute to rival neighbours. To open this immense trade to the city of Philadelphia by the nearest route, the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company ask our aid, and the magnitude of the sum we have involved in it as the largest stockholders in the company, and the immense proprietary interest in the lands immediately affected by its benefits through the bequests of Mr. Girard and Mr. Boudinot, lead the Committee to recommend the adoption of the ordinance herewith presented. The plan by which the Committee deem it advisable to aid the Company, may be briefly stated to be, that the faith of the city shall be pledged for the payment of interest and the ultimate redemption of a loan of \$300,000, the Corporation to be secured against loss by an absolute transfer of eight thousand shares of stock at \$50 00 per share, equal to \$400,000; which may be forfeited and sold by the city at any time when the company shall fail, neglect, or refuse to pay into the city Treasury, a sum sufficient to meet the semi-annual interest as it becomes due, or to reimburse the loan when redeemable. The Committee would further recommend that the lease now held by the company for a part of the lands devised to the city by Mr. Girard in Schuylkill county, be cancelled and the property restored to the city, to be rented out to private colliers. We understand that this meets the views of the Directors of the company, and we have no doubt that this surrender of the mining privileges of the company

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will increase its popularity with the neighbourhood. In conclusion, the Committee recommend the adoption of the ordinance under the conviction, that it will effect the completion of a great public work, and promote the interests of the city.

FRED. FRALEY, *Chairman.*

RICHARD PRICE,

LAWRENCE LEWIS,

CHAS. MARSHALL,

JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT.

Philada. May 5, 1836.

“An Ordinance for the completion of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road.”

1. Be it ordained, &c. That for the purpose of enabling the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company to complete the said Rail Road, the Mayor of the city is hereby authorised and required, on its being certified to him by the city Treasurer, that he has received a certificate in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia for eight thousand shares of the capital stock of said company, to issue transferable certificates of city debt in the usual form to such persons as the Board of Managers of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company may designate, and to an amount not exceeding \$300,000 in the whole, which debt shall bear an interest of five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly at the office of the city Treasurer, on the first days of January and July, and be redeemable on the first day of January, 18 Provided, that the said sum of \$300,000, and any premium which may be received thereon shall be applied to the completion of the said Rail Road, and to the payment of any interest that may fall due on the said \$300,000 prior to the completion of said road, and to no other object whatever.

2. That in case the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company shall neglect, refuse, or fail to pay into the hands of the City Treasurer, on the first days of June and December in each year, the amount of interest falling due on the said debt, on the first days of January and July then ensuing, or shall neglect refuse, or fail to pay to the said Treasurer on the first day of December, 18 the amount of the principal of said debt, then it shall be lawful for the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia forthwith to declare the said eight thousand shares of the capital stock of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company forfeited, and sell the same, and invest the proceeds thereof in some safe and productive stock for the payment of the interest and redemption of the said debt, it being the express meaning of this ordinance, that the said eight thousand shares of the capital stock of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company are to be held at the sole and absolute disposal of the Mayor,

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Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia to secure the said sum of \$300,000, and the interest to be paid thereon as completely and fully in regard to the sale and transfer of the said eight thousand shares or any part thereof, as any share or shares of the capital stock of said company are now, or may hereafter be vested in any stockholder.

3. That before the foregoing sections of this ordinance shall go into effect, the stockholders of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company shall, at a general meeting to be called for these objects, surrender the lease made on the day 18 for a portion of the lands belonging to the estate of the late Stephen Girard, and give up the same with the permanent improvements thereon to the authorised agent of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, and consent to the provisions of the first and second sections of this ordinance, which consent shall be certified to the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia by the President of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company, under its corporate seal, and on the receipt of said certificate, the provisions of this ordinance shall be binding on the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia.

And the bill thereto attached being read once, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways, read in his place, a bill, entitled,

“A further Ordinance relating to Delaware Avenue.”

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c. That it shall be the duty of the City Solicitor forthwith to institute proceedings under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, agreeably to the 9th section of the act of Assembly of March 24th, 1832, entitled, “An act, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, to carry into effect certain improvements and execute certain trusts;” for the purpose of ascertaining the damages which will be sustained by the owners of property in consequence of the future opening of Delaware Avenue, between Walnut and Spruce streets, according to an ordinance passed on the 27th February, 1834, for laying out a passage or street from Vine to Cedar street, to be called Delaware Avenue.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained, &c. That whenever in the exercise of the powers granted by this ordinance, or by “An ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue and making an appropriation therefor,” passed February 12th, 1835, the Committee on Public Highways shall have paid the damages awarded or agreed upon with the owners of property on any part of the aforesaid Avenue, then and thenceforth such part thereof shall be opened and kept open for public use, as a common and public highway forever; and any obstructions within

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the same, are hereby declared to be nuisances, and any person or persons who, having committed any nuisance, shall, after notice, refuse or neglect to remove the same, shall be punished in the same manner as is now provided by law in the case of nuisances committed within any of the streets, lanes, alleys, or highways within the said city.

Which was read a second time, the title ordered to stand as read; then specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Cor. S. Smith presented a petition for the continuation of the Culvert in Walnut street as far as Twelfth street. Which was referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Ordered that Select Council be informed that this Council is ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting, to elect three Inspectors of the Prison.

And after some time, the President, Members and Clerk of Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the convention, and appointed Mr. Lewis, Teller. The President of Common Council appointed Mr. Wm. T. Smith, Teller, and the votes being collected and counted, were reported to the President, who declared that

Samuel Fox having 26 votes,

William Bethell " 24 "

Sansom Perot " 26 "

Were duly elected.

The convention was dissolved, and Select Council retired.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed a resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Cleansing the City be, and they are hereby directed to take prompt and efficient measures for effectually Watering the Streets, in order to prevent the great inconvenience experienced by our citizens from the dust.

And Common Council concurred therein.

Stating, further, that Select Council had received a report from Committee on City Property, and had passed a resolution thereto attached, and requested the concurrence of this Council. Whereupon the same was read.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property request leave to

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration the memorial of the Victuallers, in respect to the manner that it is designed that

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they shall vend their meat, whether from carts or along side of curb, on the pavement; and, in order to meet the case, your Committee submits to Councils the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Butchers and Farmers are hereby permitted to erect stalls for their accommodation, at their own expense, on the east side of Delaware 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th streets, from Mulberry to High, and from High to Chesnut streets, during the re-building of the Market Houses in High street, from Delaware Third to Eighth street: Provided, that each stall shall not exceed in length, more than seven feet six inches, and in width three feet, nor extend from the curb more than one foot on the pavement, nor more than two feet into the street; and that their blocks shall not occupy more than two feet six inches in front of the stalls; and previous to leaving the stands, the rails shall be taken down and put in some suitable place to be provided by them.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*.

THOMAS EARP,

PETER WRIGHT,

CHARLES S. SMITH,

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And the resolution was adopted.

Stating, further, that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled, "An Ordinance, making an appropriation for the Girard lands."

Whereupon the same was read, viz:

(Be it ordained and enacted, by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Girard Estates towards paying the taxes and expenses on the lands bequeathed to the city by the late Stephen Girard, in Schuylkill and Erie counties, Pennsylvania, and in Kentucky and Louisiana.)

A first and second time, and then the title ordered to stand as read, and was specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Stating, further, that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property request leave to

REPORT:

That in conformity with "An ordinance for extending the Market House in High street, west of Broad street," an early contract was made for iron columns, and the delivery of which is daily anticipated, when the Market House will progress in its building. Since the enactment of this ordinance, Councils

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have determined to re-build the Market Houses in High street, from Delaware Third to Eighth streets, for the purpose of accommodating the Rail Road on each side. Your Committee have had their attention drawn to the probability of the Rail Road being carried to the Schuylkill; and of the necessity of adapting the proposed Market House to accommodate that object. By the ordinance, it is required to be of same width, &c. as the Market House between Schuylkill Seventh and Eighth streets, which your Committee would recommend should be repealed, and the said building not to exceed in width nineteen feet.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the delapidated condition of an old building at southern end of the Second street Market House, near Cedar street, and on examination, they are of opinion, that it would not be worth the expense that would be requisite to put it in repair. It is badly constructed, and no object would be obtained by its continuance but an obstruction to the Market House. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that the said building be removed and that the stalls be continued to Cedar street, conforming to the other parts of the Market House.

To meet these views, your Committee submit "An ordinance relating to Market Houses."

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*.

THOMAS EARP,

PETER WRIGHT,

CHAS. S. SMITH,

JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.

Philada. 5th mo. May 5, 1836.

"An Ordinance relating to Market Houses."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That so much of "*An ordinance for extending the Market House in High street, west of Broad street,*" enacted October 1st, 1835, as requires "the said Market House to be erected on iron columns, and to be the same height and width, and the roof to have the same elevation and projection as the Market House now standing in High street, between Schuylkill Seventh and Eighth streets," be and the same is hereby repealed.

And it shall be the duty of the *Committee on City Property* to have the roof of said Market House supported on iron columns, the width of said House not to exceed nineteen feet, and the stalls to be erected in such manner and form, as in the opinion of the Committee, will best adapt the same to public convenience and usefulness.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on City Property are hereby directed

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to cause to be taken down and removed, the old building at the south end of the Market House in Delaware Second street; and to continue the said Market House to Cedar street in the same manner that it now is, to the north thereof. And when the said Market House shall be so extended, the additional stalls of *the Central Arch* shall be appropriated for *Butchers*; and the additional portion of the *Eastern and Western Arches* as stands for persons vending fresh fish in baskets or tubs; and as stands for wagons having sea fish for sale, as may be arranged by the Committee.

And the bill was then read a first and second time, and the title ordered to stand as read, and being specially ordered to be read a third time, it was so read, and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Stating, further, that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled, "A further Ordinance providing for public Clocks and a city Observatory."

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That so much of "*An ordinance providing for public Clocks and a city Observatory*," as appoints a "*Committee on Public Clocks*," be and the same is hereby repealed. And it shall hereafter be the duty of "*The Committee on City Property*," to take the direction of all Clocks that now are or shall hereafter be declared "*public Clocks*;" and to provide for the charge and regulation thereof.

Whereupon the same was read a first and second time, and the title ordered to stand as read, and was specially ordered to a third reading, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Mr. Chas. S. Smith moved, and it was ordered that Council adjourn to meet on Thursday next.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 12, 1836.

Present Messrs. Darragh,

Earp,

Fraley,

Gilder,

Hinchman,

Lancaster,

Marshall,

Otis,

Rawle,

Rowland,

Sailor,

Ch. S. Smith,

Cor. S. Smith,

Stacey,

Thomason,

Troth,

Wright.

Mr. Fraley presented two petitions, one for paying George

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street, between Tenth and Thirteenth streets, and one for paving Tenth street between Mulberry and Sassafras, and for the construction of a Culvert in Tenth street.

Mr. Gilder two petitions, one for paving Clinton street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, and one for paving Morris street, and a twenty feet wide street from Morris to Schuylkill Eighth street.

All of which were referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman presented a memorial from Committees of the Board of Control of Public Schools and Board of Directors, for a lease of a lot in Jones's Alley. Which was referred to the Commissioners of Girard Estates.

Mr. Gilder presented a memorial from Joseph McIlvaine, late Recorder of the City, praying for the payment of arrears of salary. Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had concurred in the resolutions sent from this Council on 7th April, respecting the survey of a route of a Canal between the Susquehanna and the city, and had appointed to be of said Committee, Messrs. Price, Dunlap, and Lippincott.

Mr. Fraley moved that Council proceed to the consideration of the bill on the table, entitled, "An ordinance for the completion of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road," which was ordered. Whereupon the first section was read, the blank filled with "fifty-seven," and so adopted; and the second section was read, and the blank filled with the words "fifty-six," and adopted; and the third section was read, and blanks filled with the words "twenty-fourth" "July" and "thirty-three"

Mr. Hinchman moved an amendment: "Provided, also, that the Legislature shall authorise the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company to accept of the provisions, and sanction the conditions of this ordinance."

Which was carried, and the section was adopted.

And the question being on the title, Mr. Fraley moved the following preamble:

Whereas, the late Stephen Girard, during his life, subscribed for four thousand shares of the capital stock of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road Company, and the said stock amounting to two hundred thousand dollars, is now the property of the city of Philadelphia as his residuary legatee, and the Select and Common Councils having learned that the sums subscribed by individuals and loaned on the faith of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are insufficient to complete the said Rail Road; therefore,

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in order to finish an important line of internal communication, to bring into profitable use the immense and valuable tracts of coal lands devised to the city by the will of her great benefactor, and to prevent his original subscription from being entirely lost.

Which was adopted.

And the bill was then read a third time, and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" the yeas and nays were ordered, and were,

Yeas,—Messrs. Darragh, Fraley, Gilder, Hinchman, Lancaster, Marshall, Otis, Rawle, Ch. S. Smith, Cor. S. Smith, Stacey, Thomason, Troth, Wright,—14.

Nays,—Messrs. Earp, Rowland, Sailor,—3.

And so the bill passed.

And then the Council adjourned.

MONDAY, May 16, 1836.

Councils met at three o'clock, to elect Guardians of the Poor.

Present Messrs. Darragh,	Otis,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Ch. S. Smith,
Gilder,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Warner,
Marshall,	Wright,

Ordered that Select Council be informed that this Council is ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting, to elect Guardians of the Poor.

The President, Clerk, and Members of Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the convention, and appointed Mr. Price, Teller.

The President of the Common Council appointed Mr. Wright, Teller.

And the votes being collected and counted, were reported to the President, who declared that

John Hemphill having 18 votes,
Isaac Collins " 18 "

Were duly elected.

The convention was dissolved The President, Clerk and Members of Select Council retired.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 19, 1836.

Present Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Wm. T. Smith,
Gilder,	Stacey,
Hinchman,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Gilder was called to the chair.

Mr. Rowland presented three petitions—one to repave Delaware Fourth, between Arch and Race; one to repave Cherry, between Seventh and Eighth, and another for grading a new street, between Schuylkill Eighth and Broad, and Spruce and Pine.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith presented a petition for paving St. David street.

Mr. Thomason a petition for grading Ashton street.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways, presented a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled, a Supplement to an ordinance, entitled, “An ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor.” Which was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as read; duly ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council.

Mr. Ch. S. Smith read in his place, a bill, entitled, “An ordinance establishing a footway on south side of Pine street, between Delaware Third and Fourth streets.” Which was then read a second time, the title ordered to stand as read; duly ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council.

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Mr. Wm. T. Smith offered a resolution.

Resolved, That so much of the joint rule of Councils as provides for a meeting of Councils on every other Thursday, be suspended during the months of June, July and August ensuing, and that during those months, the stated meetings be held on the second Thursday of each month.

Which was read, and after some debate, laid on the table.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present all the members.

Mr. Otis presented a petition for repaving Eleventh street, between Market and Arch streets.

Mr. Rowland a petition for regulating and grading Franklin street near Schuylkill.

And also a petition for regulating and paving Brighton street, near Schuylkill.

And Mr. Otis a petition from the Labourers in the employ of the City. All of which were referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways, made a report.

The Committee on Public Highways respectfully

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration, certain applications for Culverts which have been referred to their attention, and after due examination, have prepared the ordinance hereto annexed, and recommend its adoption by Councils.

They have also incorporated in the ordinance, a section relating to the Rail Road in High street, the propriety of which, it is believed, will be sufficiently obvious, as under the existing ordinance, the Committee are authorised to bring the double track only as far as Ninth street, and thence to diverge by single tracks on each side of the Market Houses. This part of the original ordinance was predicated upon the proviso, that an additional Market House should be built between Eighth and Ninth streets, which was subsequently stricken out. The proposed section is designed to obviate future misconstruction as to the action of the Committee in locating that part of the Rail Road.

Having also viewed the streets hereinafter named, for which petitions have been received for paving or repaving, the Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution.

“*Resolved*, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to cause the following streets to be regulated, curbed, and paved or repaved, as required.

FOR PAVING.

1. Cedar street from Schuylkill Fourth to Schuylkill Eighth, 5352 yards, \$5,352
2. Schuy'l. Eighth, from Locust to Spruce, 1445 yards, 1,444
3. Walnut st. from east side of Beach to the Wharf, *a* \$1.10 660
4. Ashton street, from George to Walnut street, 940
5. West street, from George to Walnut street, *a* 1.10 440
6. Schuy'l. Third st. from High to Mulberry st. *a* 1.10 1811

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FOR REPAVING.

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| 1. George st. from Tenth to Thirteenth st. | a .50 pr. yd. | 1537 |
| 2. Locust st. from Tenth to Eleventh st. | .50 " | 639 |
| 3. Vine st. from Tenth to Eleventh st., 2 inter. | .50 " | 716 |
| 4. Tenth st. from Mulberry to Sassafras, | .50 " | 895 |

And also, that an Inlet to the Sewer at the south-east corner of Schuylkill Fourth and Mulberry street, be constructed.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman*.

THOS. LANCASTER,

MERRIT CANBY,

DAVIS B. STACEY,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

JOHN WIEGAND.

June 2, 1836.

"An Ordinance authorising the construction of certain Culverts and for other purposes."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled: That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, shall cause the following Sewers or Culverts to be constructed with suitable inlets, as early as practicable.

1st. A Culvert in Tenth street, from the south side Cherry street to the south side of Sassafras street, of a diameter not exceeding three feet, \$670 00

2d. A Culvert in Walnut street, from the east side of Tenth street to the west side of Eleventh street, not exceeding three feet in diameter, 860 00

3d. A Culvert in Walnut street, from the east side of Beach street to the river Schuylkill, of a diameter not exceeding four feet, 480 00

4th. A Culvert in George street, from the east side of Beach street to the west side of the same street, of a diameter not exceeding three feet, 220 50

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Rail Road along High street shall be constructed with double tracks to Delaware Eighth street, any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

And the ordinance was read a first and second time, the title ordered to stand as read, and then duly ordered to a third reading, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

And the resolution attached to the said report was adopted and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Gilder offered a resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways examine into the expediency of constructing a Culvert in Schuylkill Eighth street, from Pine to the north side of Spruce street. Which was adopted.

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Mr. Hinchman moved that Council proceed to consider a resolution offered at last meeting concerning the meetings of Councils. Which was ordered. Ordered that the word "June" be struck out.

And the resolution, as amended, was considered and lost.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council concurred in a bill sent from this Council at last meeting, viz:

"An Ordinance establishing the footway on the south side of Pine street, between Third and Fourth streets."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the width of the footway on the south side of Pine street, between Third and Fourth streets, from Delaware, shall be ten feet and one inch, any existing regulation or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also in a bill sent from this Council at last meeting, attached to a report of the Committee on Public Highways, viz:

The Committee on Public Highways report a further ordinance relating to Delaware Avenue, making provision for the payment of damages to certain owners of property situated between High and Mulberry streets, and respectfully recommend its passage to Councils.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman.*

DAVIS B. STACEY,

W. H. KEATING,

J. ROACH,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

JOHN WIEGAND,

MERRITT CANBY.

May 19, 1836.

A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to open or cause to be opened, so much of Delaware Avenue, between High and Mulberry streets, as is embraced by the property for which the damages are hereinafter directed to be paid. And in the execution of the above instructions, it shall be their duty to regulate, curb, light and pave the same; and in every respect to conform to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the 24th day of March, 1832, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia, to carry into effect certain improvements and to execute certain trusts," and of the several ordinances relating to Delaware Avenue, passed the 27th day of February, 1834, and on the 3d day of April, 1834.

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Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of eighteen thousand eight hundred dollars out of the income of the fund appropriated under the twenty-second item of the Will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the City and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expense of carrying into effect this ordinance, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Girard fund, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to such persons as the Committee on Public Highways shall from time to time certify to be entitled, under the provisions of this ordinance, to the sum respectively claimed by them.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on Public Highways be and they are hereby authorised and directed, previous to entering upon the premises aforesaid, for the opening of Delaware Avenue as aforesaid, to pay or tender to the owners of the property along the line of the said Avenue between High and Mulberry streets as aforesaid, the amount valued to be the loss occasioned to them respectively in pursuance thereof, according to the award of the jury appointed to view the premises in manner following, that is to say,—

To Isaac Reeves, the sum of sixteen thousand dollars.

The Representatives of the intestate property of the late Stephen Girard, deceased, or to the persons entitled to receive the same, the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars.

Stating, also, that Select Council had received a communication from Mr. Gerard Ralston, resigning his place as a member of the Board of Health, and that Select Council was now ready to proceed to elect a member of the said Board in his place.

Ordered that Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting for that purpose.

The President, Clerk, and Members of Select Council entered and being seated, the President announced the object of the convention, and appointed Mr. Price, Teller.

The President of this Council appointed Mr. Thomason, Teller.

And the votes being collected, counted, and reported to the President, he declared that

Samuel Grant having received 17 votes,

Joseph W. Ryers “ S “

Samuel Grant was duly elected.

The convention was dissolved, the President, Clerk, and Members of Select Council withdrew.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Canby,	Rowland,
Darragh,	Sailor,
Earp,	Ch. S. Smith,
Fraley,	Stacey,
Gilder,	Thomason,
Hinchman,	Troth,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.

The President laid before Council, a communication from the Common Council of the city of Newark.

Extract from the Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Newark.

“The Common Council of this city having received from the Clerk of the Common Council of the city of Philadelphia, a communication, accompanied by a donation of two copies of the Digest of the Ordinances of their city, and fifty copies of Mr. Binney’s Eulogium on Mr. Chief Justice Marshall,—

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the same, and offer to the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, the unanimous thanks of this Common Council for their donation.”

Adopted *June 3, 1836.*

JOSEPH N. TUTTLE,
Clerk of Common Council.

Which was read and laid on the table.

And also a letter from Mr. Samuel Grant, declining his election as a member of the Board of Health. Which was also read and laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition from merchants and others in Broad street, for a uniform system of turn-outs from Broad street Rail Road. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Highways, with power to act. Select Council concurred.

And also for paving State street, between Schuylkill Seventh and Eighth. Which was referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley presented two petitions to improve the Market House between Second and Third, as above Third street, and to remove the old Court House. Which were referred to the Committee on City Property

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Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways made a

REPORT.

The Committee on Public Highways respectfully report:

That they were about proceeding to the repaving of Pine street, between Delaware Third and Fourth streets, which had been ordered by Councils, when their action was suspended by information from the Recording Surveyor, of the delapidated state of the old Culvert, which, crossing Pine street below Fourth street, continues through the square over private ground to Union street, much to the disadvantage of property through which it passes. The Surveyor recommended, as the street was now to be repaved, the propriety of constructing the Sewer from where it now crosses Pine street, down that street to Third street, and along Third street to the Sewer in Union street; which proposition, after due examination of the premises, was adopted by the Committee, and the annexed ordinance ordered to be prepared and submitted to Councils.

The Committee also recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be instructed to have Spruce street, between Schuylkill Third and Fourth streets, repaved.

Signed,

JAMES ROWLAND,
MERRIT CANBY,
J. ROACH,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
JOHN WIEGAND.

And also presented a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance authorising the construction of a Culvert in Pine and Delaware Third streets.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Culvert, not exceeding four feet in diameter, to be constructed from the Sewer in Pine street, below Delaware Fourth street, along Pine street to Third street, and along Third street to the Sewer in Union street, with suitable inlets, according to a plan given by Samuel Hains, Recording Surveyor.

Which was read a first and second time, and then Mr. Gilder moved to lay the same on the table. Which was lost. Where-

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upon the title was ordered to stand as reported, and the bill was specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred in and passed the same.

And the resolution attached to the report was then considered and adopted, and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gilder offered a resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways cause such number of turn-outs to be made from the Rail Road in High street opposite the Girard stores, as they may deem necessary, (not exceeding three.)

Which was adopted.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance authorising the Commissioners of the Girard Estates to extend the Wharves belonging to the city, between High and Mulberry streets."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Agent of the Girard Estates be, and he is hereby authorised under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to extend the two Wharves belonging to the city (late Stephen Girard's) between High and Mulberry streets, as far eastwardly as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of forming a dock of sufficient depth for the accommodation of shipping.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Treasurer of the Girard Trusts be, and he is hereby authorised to pay orders, drawn in the usual manner, for the expenses incurred in extending the said Wharves, and that the same be charged to account of appropriations heretofore made for repairs of real estate and materials.

Which was forthwith taken up and read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as reported, and then specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

Mr. Fraley from the Committee on Finance to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph McIlvaine, Esq., late Recorder of the city, made a Report, viz:

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To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance having given a careful examination to the memorial of Joseph McIlvaine, Esq., late Recorder of the city, asking payment of a balance supposed to be due to him for official services, respectfully state: That by an ordinance passed the 19th day of December, 1819, the salary of the Recorder was reduced from two thousand dollars to twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum, the whole amount being payable out of the City Treasury. On the 27th March, 1820, an Act of Assembly was passed, authorising the payment of nine hundred dollars per annum out of the State Treasury to the Recorder of the city. The then incumbent of the office continued to receive the salary thus fixed until the 3d of May, 1821, when the ordinance, making appropriations for the service of that year, was passed, and the sum of six hundred dollars specifically appropriated for the pay of the Recorder. From that time until the commencement of the present year, it has been generally believed that the compensation of the Recorder was six hundred dollars from the city, and that sum only has been provided for in the estimates of the year. From the books of the Treasury, it appears that the quarter's salary falling due to Joseph Reed, Esq., on the 1st of July, 1821, was estimated and allowed at the rate of twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum from the 1st of April to the 3d of May, and at six hundred dollars per annum from the 3d of May to the 1st of July, and that from the first of July, 1821, until he resigned the office, he continued to receive the sum of six hundred dollars per annum. From an examination of the ordinances on record, it does not appear that any other change than that made by the appropriation ordinance of May, 1821, has ever been the subject of legislative action by Councils, and the validity of the claim of Mr. McIlvaine for arrears depends entirely on the sufficiency of that ordinance to repeal the one enacted in December, 1819.

It is, therefore, desirable as well for the claim of Mr. McIlvaine for arrears, as for the accruing compensation of the present Recorder, that the question should be legally settled, and we accordingly present a resolution contemplating the submission of the question to the Supreme Court of the state for settlement.

FRED. FRALEY,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
RICHARD PRICE,
CHAS. MARSHALL,
H. J. WILLIAMS,

Committee on Finance.

Philad., June 16, 1836.

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Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the City Solicitor is hereby authorised on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia, and in conjunction with Joseph McIlvaine, Esq., late Recorder, and John Bouvier, Esq., present Recorder, should they agree thereto, to submit a statement of the facts in relation to the several ordinances fixing the salary of the Recorder of the city, to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for its decision thereon, in order that the amount of compensation due to the said Joseph McIlvaine and John Bouvier, Esqrs., may be legally ascertained and settled.

Which was read, and the resolution thereto attached considered and adopted, and sent to Select Council.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council was ready to join this Council in joint meeting to elect a member of the Board of Health in the place of Mr. Samuel Grant, declined.

Ordered that Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive Select Council in joint meeting for that purpose.

The Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the meeting and appointed Mr. Price, Teller.

The President of Common Council appointed Mr. Warner, Teller.

And the votes being collected, counted, and reported to the President, he declared that

Joseph W. Ryerss had 24 votes,

And was duly elected a member of the Board of Health for the unexpired term of Mr. Gerard Ralston. The convention was dissolved, and the Select Council retired.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had passed a resolution:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the High street Markets to have the footways, occupied by the butchers and country people during the rebuilding of the Market Houses, daily washed, after they have left their stands.

Which was read, considered, and concurred in.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 30, 1836.

Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rowland,
Earp,	Sailor,
Fraley,	Wm. T. Smith,
Gilder,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Cor. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Warner.
Rawle,	

The President laid before Council a communication from Dr. R. M. Huston, Chairman of a Committee of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, praying for a provision of the means to extend the supply of Gas Pipes. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition to repave Sassafras street, between Delaware Fourth and Fifth.

Mr. Warner a petition for the regulation of High street, between Delaware Third and Fourth.

Mr. Fraley a petition for a system of turn-outs and crossings from Rail Road in Market street.

All of which were referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Earp, Mr. Fraley, and Mr. Thomason presented memorials against the rebuilding of the Market Houses between Delaware Fifth and Sixth streets, and praying that the new Market Houses may be placed west of Delaware Sixth street.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Warner presented a petition from the Fire Companies, signed by a Committee appointed at a meeting of Firemen, for suitable sites for their Carriage Houses. Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Thomason presented the petition of the Captains of the nightly watch, praying for an increase of salary. Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition from the Basket makers of the county, praying to be provided with stands in the Market. Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Darragh presented the petition of Farmers, Vegetable people and Butchers, praying for the possession of their original stands as soon as possible. Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Fraley from the Committee on Finance made a

REPORT.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the present mode of renting the Stalls and Stands of the Markets, and whether the city rental cannot be profitably

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increased, by disposing of the same for a limited period, at public sale,

Having given attention to the subject, present the draft of an ordinance to effect the object contemplated by the resolution.

FRED. FRALEY,
RICHARD PRICE,
H. J. WILLIAMS,
JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
CHAS. MARSHALL.

Philad., *June 30, 1836.*

Committee on Finance.

“An Ordinance to regulate the distribution and renting of the Stalls in the Market Houses belonging to the City.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the Commissioner of City Property, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, is hereby authorised and required forthwith to give public notice, that the choice of the Stalls in the Market Houses now erecting in High street, as the same are now appropriated on which rents may be lawfully reserved, will be sold at public auction on the premises, on the day of July, 1836.

Sec. 2. That on the completion of such sales and the payment of the premium, together with the rent in advance, to the first day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, at the rate hereinafter provided; the Commissioner of City Property shall execute to the purchaser, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia, a lease of the Stall to which he may be entitled for ten years from the first day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, subject to the conditions of this ordinance and to the payment of the said rent in advance, annually, on the first day of February, during the continuance of said term. And three months before the expiration of said leases, it shall be the duty of said Commissioner, to give public notice that the choice of the Stalls in said Market Houses will again be sold, and the same leased in like manner.

Sec. 3. That the rent of each of the Stalls in the eastern moiety of each of said Market Houses, shall be forty dollars per annum, and the rent of each of the Stalls in the western moiety of each of said Market Houses, shall be twenty dollars per annum: Provided, that the rent of each of the Stalls in the Market House between Delaware Second and Third streets, which may be occupied by butchers or victuallers, shall be forty dollars per annum.

Sec. 4. That three months before the termination of the present leases of the Stalls in the other Market Houses in High and Second streets, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of City Property to notify the occupants thereof, to yield up the possession of the Stalls in their tenure on the termination of the said leases, and after giving weeks, public notice thereof.

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sell the choice of said Stalls, and lease the same for the term of ten years, according to the provisions of the several sections of this ordinance: Provided, that leases for the term of nine years from the first day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, at the rents hereinbefore specified, may be granted to the present holders of the Stalls in the Market House in High street, between Schuylkill Seventh and Eighth streets, without the payment of any premium.

Sec. 5. That should the constituted authorities of the city of Philadelphia deem it expedient, at any time during the continuance of any of said leases, to vacate and remove any one, or all of the said Market Houses, it shall be lawful for them, on giving three months' notice of their intention so to do, to cancel any or all of the leases granted for Stalls therein, by paying to the holder a rateable proportion of any premium he may have paid for the choice of his Stall.

Sec. 6. That so much of any ordinance as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Whereupon the said bill was read a first time, and ordered to be forthwith read a second time, and the first section being read, Mr. W. T. Smith moved to amend the same by inserting after the word "Stalls," the words "in the eastern moiety of the."

And after some time, it was moved and ordered that the further consideration of the ordinance and amendment be postponed.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith from the Committee on Police presented a bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance to increase the pay of the City Watch."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the salary of each Captain of the Watch, shall be five hundred dollars per annum; of each special Constable four hundred dollars per annum; of each silent Watchman and of each turn-key, and of the Watchman for the State House steeple, three hundred and sixty-five dollars per annum. No person belonging to the City Watch, shall claim or accept any gratuity from any individual whom he may arrest, or who may be subject to his power.

Sec. 2. That the salaries mentioned in the preceding section shall be paid monthly, as heretofore, and this ordinance shall take effect from the first day of June, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and so much of any ordinance as is inconsistent herewith be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as reported, the bill then duly ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed, and ordered to be sent to Select Council.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 7, 1836.

Present Messrs. Darragh,
Earp,
Fraley,
Gilder,
Hinchman,
Lancaster,
Marshall,
Otis,

Rawle,
Rowland,
Sailor,
Wm. T. Smith,
Ch. S. Smith,
Cor. S. Smith,
Troth,

Mr. Sailor presented a petition from a meeting of victuallers, remonstrating against a sale of Stalls, &c. Which was read and laid on table.

Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways made a

REPORT.

The Committee on Public Highways respectfully report to Councils: That the necessity for the construction of a Sewer from Delaware Fourth street, along High street to Third street, and thence along Third street to Church alley, having for some time claimed their attention, they have, upon deliberate consideration, and after consulting with the Recording Surveyor, directed the Chairman to prepare and report the annexed ordinance.

It being found expedient to make some alterations in the regulation of the street in the vicinity of the foot of Dock street, in order to accommodate the Rail Road to the contemplated improvements on the adjacent City Property, an ordinance for this purpose was directed to be prepared, and is herewith submitted. The Committee also recommend the passage of the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause Fern street, between Schuylkill Fifth and Sixth streets to be paved, and Beaver court in Cherry street above Delaware Fourth, to be repaved.”

JAMES ROWLAND,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
J. ROACH,
JOHN WIEGAND,
THOS. LANCASTER.

June 30, 1836.

And presented two bills, the first whereof, entitled,

“An Ordinance authorising the construction of a Sewer in High street, and Delaware Third street.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on

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Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Sewer, not exceeding four feet in diameter, to be constructed from the Sewer in Delaware Fourth street, along the middle of High street to Delaware Third street, and thence along the said Third street northward to Church alley, with suitable inlets, agreeably to a plan prepared by Samuel Hains, Esq., Recording Surveyor,—

Was read a first and second time, and the title ordered to stand as reported, and being then duly ordered to be read a third time, was so read, and on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” the same was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred in the same.

And the other whereof, entitled,

“An Ordinance relating to the regulation of Dock street.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the regulation of ascents and descents in Delaware Front street, from Spruce to Dock street; and of Spruce street and Dock street, east of Delaware Second street, shall be and the same is hereby established according to a plan made by Samuel Hains, City Surveyor, dated the 29th day of June, 1836, any law or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding,—

Was read a first and second time, and the title ordered to stand as reported, and being then duly ordered to be read a third time, was so read, and on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

And the resolution attached to the report was then read, considered, adopted and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Fraley moved that Council proceed to the further consideration of the bill, entitled, “An Ordinance to regulate the distribution and renting of the Stalls in the Market Houses belonging to the city,” and the same being ordered, Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole,—Mr. Gilder in the chair.

And after some time, the Committee rose, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to strike out the first and every other section of the said bill, and had adopted a substitute; therefore, viz:

Sec. 1. That the Commissioners of the City Property, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, is hereby authorised and required to give public notice at least ten days before the completion of the Market Houses now being erected in High street, between Delaware Third and Eighth streets,

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that applications for renting the Stalls therein will be received at the City Commissioners' office, and on a day to be fixed by the Committee on City Property, they shall proceed to distribute the said Stalls among the several applicants, giving a preference to such person or persons as may have occupied the corresponding Stalls in the Market Houses lately removed: *Provided*, that no applicant shall be entitled to more than one Stall.

Sec. 2. That on the completion of the distribution of the Stalls among the applicants, and the payment of the rent in advance to the first day of February, 1837, at the rate fixed by the Committee on City Property, which for Stalls occupied by the butchers or victuallers, shall not be less than eighty dollars, nor more than one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and for each Stall in the western moities of the said Market Houses, shall be twenty dollars per annum; and for each victualler's Stall, the Commissioner of City Property shall execute to the applicant a lease to the Stall for which he may be entitled, for ten years, from the first day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, subject to the payment of the rent therein reserved in advance, annually, on or before the first day of February, during the continuance of said term, and also subject to the conditions of the several ordinances for regulating the Markets, and of such ordinances as may hereafter be passed for that purpose: *Provided*, That no assignment of any of said leases shall be valid, or convey any right to the assignee to occupy the Stall so assigned without the consent of the Committee on City Property being first certified on said lease by their Chairman: *And provided further*, That should the constituted authorities of the city of Philadelphia deem it expedient at any time during the continuance of any of said leases, to vacate and remove any one or all of the said Market Houses, it shall be lawful for them, on giving three months' notice of their intention to do so, to cancel any or all of the leases granted for Stalls therein.

Sec. 3. That so much of any ordinance as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Whereupon Council proceeded to the consideration of the same, and the first and every other section thereof being read, was adopted, and the title was ordered to be amended so to read,

“An Ordinance to regulate the distribution and renting of the Stalls in the Market Houses, between Delaware Second and Eighth streets, in High.”

And the same was then read a third time, and on the ques-

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tion, "Shall this bill pass?" the same was passed and sent to Select Council. Select Council concurred therein.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on Cleansing the City, and had passed a bill thereto attached.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Cleansing the City respectfully

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration, the duties of the Superintendents for Cleansing the City, and have found them to be very laborious. They are actively engaged in their business from sunrise until sunset, and very frequently after night has set in; for the last six or seven years, the duty has increased by the extended pavements through our city, to such a degree, as to engage more of their time than any officer in the employment of the city. With this consideration, and the high price of rents and marketing, your Committee are fully of opinion, that an increase of salary would be but just. They, therefore, present for your consideration, the following ordinance:

"An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Superintendents for Cleansing the City."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Superintendents for Cleansing the City shall each receive eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to commence from the 1st of July next, and payable quarterly.

DENNIS MCCREDY,
J. ROACH,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN S. WARNER,
JOHN THOMASON,
JOHN DARRAGH,
ISAAC OTIS.

Whereupon the bill was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as read, and being duly ordered to a third reading, was so read, and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

A message was also received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had non-concurred in a resolution sent from this Council at last meeting, concerning turn-outs in Market street.

Stating, further, that Select Council concurred in a bill from this Council, entitled, "An Ordinance to increase the pay of the City Watch."

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 14, 1836.

Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rawle,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Sailor,
Gilder,	Wm. T. Smith,
Hinchman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Cor. S. Smith,
Marshall,	Thomason,
Otis,	Troth.

The President laid before Council a communication from Mr. Nicholas Biddle, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans. Which was read.

Girard College for Orphans, }
 July 14, 1836. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by the Board of Trustees of this Institution to request your sanction to a measure which they deem important to its welfare.

By a report from the architect, it appears that in the course of the next year, the accommodations for one hundred orphans with their teachers will be completed, and that buildings for the reception of two hundred more will probably be ready as soon as the increase of the pupils will require the use of them. The Board think, therefore, that the time has now arrived, when preparatory measures should be adopted for opening the College. Of these, the first in order, as in importance, is the choice of a presiding officer. On the competency of that officer, the character, and to a great degree, the ultimate fate of the Institution must depend. The selection of such a person, the Board regard as one of their most responsible duties, and considering the ample funds of the Institution, and the very high qualifications which the station demands, they think that no research and no expense should be spared in order to attract to the service of the College the first talents which the country can furnish. The Board believe that they have it now in their power to select a citizen eminently qualified for that station, and they are anxious to connect him with the Institution before other claims may call him elsewhere.

It is not, however, sufficient that such an officer should be qualified by talents for his situation, or be himself an able teacher. The Girard College for Orphans is an institution of a character wholly new in this country, but similar establishments are not rare in Europe, and the long experience of their distinguished teachers must have suggested many improvements in the substance and the forms of instruction; many details in

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the discipline, the arrangements, the whole organization of these institutions, which books cannot teach, and which can be learned only by personal inspection. They can be best learned, too, by the same individual who is himself to apply and adapt them to the new Institution, and the Board think it of great importance that the officer who is destined to be permanently at the head of the College, should himself examine in person the models of the Institution which he is hereafter to superintend. It is after such an examination, and with the aid of the lights which he would furnish, that the Board of Trustees could execute satisfactorily to themselves and to the Councils, the task assigned to them of preparing the system of instruction and government of the College. The officers could, at the same time, procure the necessary books and apparatus prescribed by the Will of Mr. Girard, so as to be in complete readiness to open the College without loss of time, when the buildings are finished. The course now suggested, was, it is understood, adopted by the government of the United States in regard to West Point, and the Councils have, by a recent measure, sanctioned it on an occasion not dissimilar.

With these impressions, the Board of Trustees deem it highly important that a presiding officer of the College should be now appointed, and that he should visit Europe for the purposes just mentioned.

The appointment of such an officer is devolved on the Board of Trustees, by the ordinance of Councils creating the Board, but being unwilling to take any step in so important a matter without previously consulting those to whom they owe their appointment and to whose wishes they desire to conform, they respectfully suggest that authority be given to them to engage the services of a presiding officer of the College at such salary as they may deem reasonable, to send him to Europe for the purpose of examining similar institutions, and to purchase the books, apparatus, and instruments necessary for the use of the College.

I have the honour to be,

Very respectfully, yours,

N. BIDDLE, *Pres't.*

And laid on the table.

Mr. Darragh presented a petition from the Victuallers concerning the rental of the Market Stalls. Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley a petition for the repaving of Sassafras street, between Delaware Eighth and Tenth. Which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

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Mr. Ch. S. Smith a petition to prevent the sale of Shad out of season. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Lancaster a petition concerning the opening of Lombard street to the river Delaware. Which was read and laid on the table.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a petition respecting the opening of Lombard street, and referred the same to a joint Committee of one member of each Council, with instructions to make such representations to the county Board as may induce them to reconsider their vote, refusing their sanction to borrow money for the payment of damages for opening Lombard street, and had appointed Mr. Roach to be of said Committee.

Common Council concurred, and appointed Mr. Lancaster to be of said Committee.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith from the Committee on Police, reported a bill, entitled,

“A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, an Ordinance to increase the pay of the City Watch.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the pay of each Watchman shall be three hundred and sixty-five dollars per annum, and shall be payable monthly as heretofore, and this ordinance shall take effect from the first day of June last.

Which was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as reported, duly ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley read in his place a bill, entitled,

“A Supplement to the Ordinance for the management of the Girard College for Orphans.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans are hereby authorised to appoint a President of said College for the purpose of organising the same as soon as practicable, and to fix the compensation of said officer when appointed; and that they be further authorised to purchase the necessary books, apparatus and instruments, and to cause an examination of similar institutions in Europe to be made by him on such terms as they may deem proper, the expense thereof to be paid out of the funds set apart for the erection and maintenance of said College.

Which was then read a second time, title ordered to stand as

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read, duly ordered to be read a third time, and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" the same was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

A communication from Mr. A. D. Bache, Secretary of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Pennsylvania was read, inviting Council to attend at the Commencement, and ordered that the members attend.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and had passed the resolution thereto attached, viz:

The Committee on City Property

REPORT:

That they have fixed the rent of the Butchers' and Jersey Farmers' Stalls in High street Market Houses, and submit the following resolution for the approbation of Councils.

Resolved, That the rents of the Butchers' and Jersey Farmers' Stalls, as fixed by the Committee on City Property, shall be as follows, viz:

Butchers' Stalls in Market House from Fourth to Fifth street.

Two Stalls next to Farmers, at	\$130
The Stalls next to openings, at	100
The middle Stalls, at	80

Butchers' Stalls in Market House from Fifth to Sixth street.

Two Stalls next to Farmers, at	150
The Stalls next to openings, at	110
The middle Stalls, at	90

Butchers' Stalls in Market House from Sixth to Seventh street.

Two Stalls next to Farmers, at	150
The Stalls next to openings, at	120
The middle Stalls, at	100

Eastern Stalls from Seventh to Eighth street,
for Jersey Farmers, at 50

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD PRICE,
THOMAS EARP,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
H. J. WILLIAMS,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.

And the resolution was considered and adopted, and sent back to Select Council.

And then the Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, July 19, 1836.

Special meeting called to take measures to evince the respect of Councils for the life and services of the late Right Reverend William White, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, and formerly Chaplain to the Continental Congress.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Earp was called to the chair.

Mr. Rawle moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Councils deeply participate in the emotions which pervade this community, on the death of the Right Rev. Bishop White, Chaplain of Congress during our revolutionary struggle, the clearness and soundness of whose head, the purity and singleness of whose heart, and the exalted rectitude of whose conduct in all the relations of a life of extraordinary length, have not only rendered his memory sacred in the bosoms of his fellow-citizens, but furnished the brightest and most attractive example of every civil, social, and Christian virtue.

Resolved, That in testimony of the respect and veneration in which they hold his life and character, Councils will, as a body, attend the funeral of the late Bishop White.

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to invite the Governor of the Commonwealth to attend the funeral with Councils, if he shall arrive in the city before to-morrow.

Resolved, That Council will meet at ten o'clock to-morrow, in Council Chamber.

Which were read, considered, adopted, and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred therein.

The President laid before Council the quarterly account of City Commissioners and City Clerk.

And a letter from A. D. Bache, resigning his seat in the Board of Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans.

And then the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 28, 1836.

Present Messrs. Earp,	Rowland,
Gilder,	Wm. T. Smith,
Hinehman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Cor. S. Smith,
Marshall,	Thomason,
Otis,	

In the absence of the President, Mr. Gilder was called to the chair.

Upon reading the minutes, ordered that a misprint of minutes of July 14, 1836, p. 191, in stating reference of a petition to prevent the sale of Shad out of season to the Committee on Public Highways, be noted and corrected, by stating the same as referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Rowland presented a petition for paving Schuylkill Sixth street, between Walnut and Spruce. Referred to the Committee on Public Highways, with power to act.

And Mr. Hinehman a petition from the Philadelphia, Germantown, and Norristown Rail Road Company, asking permission to extend their Rail Road down Ninth street to Market. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways, made a report:

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration the petition of sundry citizens of High street, between Delaware Third and Fourth streets, requesting that the footway on the south side of said High street within those limits, should be widened to correspond with the footway in the square above it, and believe their request proper to be granted.

A partial alteration in the regulation on the north side of Washington street has, likewise, been found necessary to suit the new wall and railing on the south side of Washington square, and which will also be productive of a general improvement in the street.

The Sewer which passes through the city lot at the corner of little Dock street and Dock street, being located in that part of the said lot on which the western wall of the Tobacco Warehouse is designed to be erected, it becomes needful to make a partial change in the course of the Sewer, so that it shall not

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interfere with the substantial completion of the contemplated improvements.

Richard Willing having withdrawn the exceptions he had filed to the award of the Jury on Delaware Avenue, in relation to the property represented by him, it becomes requisite that an ordinance should be enacted authorising the payment of the damages, and the completion of that part of the Avenue.

To meet the award and the various alterations hereinbefore enumerated, the Committee have directed the Chairman to prepare and present the annexed ordinances to Councils.

The Committee further report: That they deem it expedient that inlets should be opened into the Sewer in Pine street, near Schuylkill Bank street. And also, that the inlets on the north and south sides of High street at Delaware Fourth street should be closed, and inlets opened on the east side of Fifth street, on the north and south sides of High streets, which proposed alteration will materially relieve High street at its junction with Fourth street from the great flow of water in that vicinity, and enable the Committee to accomplish the repaving of the street at that part of the Rail Road in a satisfactory manner. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the resolution hereto appended:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to close the inlets to the Sewer in High street, east and west of Delaware Fourth street; and cause inlets to be constructed on the east side of Delaware Fifth street, at suitable distances from the north and south sides of High street; and also, that they cause an inlet to be opened into the Sewer in Pine street at the south-east corner of Schuylkill Bank street, and one into the same Sewer on the north side of said Pine street at the distance of eighty feet to the westward of Schuylkill Bank street.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman*.

JOHN WIEGAND,

W. H. KEATING,

THOS. LANCASTER.

Accompanied by two bills, one whereof, entitled,
A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to open or cause to be opened, so

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much of Delaware Avenue as lies between Spruce street and the Drawbridge. And in the execution of the above instructions, it shall be their duty to regulate, curb, light and pave the same, and in every respect to conform to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the 24th day of March, 1832, entitled, "An act, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, to carry into effect certain improvements, and to execute certain trusts, and of the several ordinances relating to Delaware Avenue."

Sec. 2. Be it ordained, &c. That the sum of five thousand dollars, out of the income of the fund appropriated, under the 22d item of the Will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the city and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expense of carrying into effect this ordinance, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Girard Fund, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to such persons as the Committee on Public Highways shall, from time to time, certify to be entitled, under the provisions of this ordinance, to the sum respectively claimed by them.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained, &c. That the Committee on Public Highways be and they are hereby authorised and directed, previous to entering upon the premises aforesaid, for the opening of Delaware Avenue as aforesaid, to pay to Richard Willing, trustee of Thomas Moore Willing, Mary Willing, Henry Willing, Ellen Willing, Caroline Willing, Elizabeth Willing and Edward Shippen Willing, the sum of five thousand dollars, that being the amount of damages awarded by the Jury appointed to view the premises,—

Was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as reported, and the bill was then duly ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed.

And the other whereof, entitled,

"An Ordinance providing for an alteration in the regulation in High street and Washington street, and in the Sewer at little Dock street."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby authorised and required to construct a Sewer in little Dock street in lieu of that part of the present Sewer which passes through the north-west

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corner of the city lot, in conformity with a plan drawn by Samuel Hains, Esq. Recording Surveyor, dated July 23, 1836.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the regulation of ascents and descents in Washington street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, be and the same is hereby altered and established in conformity with a plan prepared by Samuel Hains, Recording Surveyor, dated July 25, 1836, any existing regulation or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the width of the footway on the south side of High street, between Delaware Third and Fourth streets, shall be fifteen feet and six inches, any existing regulation or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding,—

Was read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as reported, and the bill was then duly ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, “Shall this bill pass?” the same was passed, and the resolution attached to the report:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to close the inlets to the Sewer in High street, east and west of Delaware Fourth street; and cause inlets to be constructed on the east side of Delaware Fifth street, at suitable distances from the north and south sides of High street; and also, that they cause an inlet to be opened into the Sewer in Pine street, at the south-east corner of Schuylkill Bank street, and one into the same Sewer on the north side of said Pine street at the distance of eighty feet to the westward of Schuylkill Bank street,—

Was then read, considered, and carried.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rawle,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Thomason,
Hinchman,	Troth,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.

Mr. Rowland presented a memorial from Messrs. Vezey and Daniels, praying compensation for their removal from the fish house. Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley a petition for the paving of Lewis street, between Schuylkill Sixth and Seventh.

And Mr. Fraley three remonstrances of same import, against the construction of Norristown Rail Road in Ninth street. Both of which were referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rawle presented a petition for the removal of the Public Stables, and complaining of them as a nuisance. Which was referred to the Committee on Cleansing the City.

Mr. Rowland, from the Committee on Public Highways, made a

REPORT:

The Committee on Public Highways having charge of the opening and completion of Delaware Avenue, respectfully report:

That the Legislature of Pennsylvania having authorised the corporation of the city of Philadelphia to pass ordinances, or take other measures for regulating, adjusting, and determining the easternmost line to which wharves may thereafter lawfully be constructed on the river Delaware, fronting said city, and it being deemed expedient by the Committee that such easternmost line should now be determined, they have in conjunction with Samuel Hains, City Surveyor, and under his superintendence, caused surveys to be made of the said river Delaware and parts adjacent, and taken other precautionary measures to enable them to arrive at a true and correct judgment in relation to this important regulation of the river front.

The survey of the channel and bed of the river, was undertaken and completed by the same individual, who, at the request of Councils, made a similar survey in 1819. The Committee, in justice to the able and satisfactory manner in which he has executed the duty at this time assigned him, and to the interesting and important developments in relation to the channel which are embodied in his report, which is hereto annexed, recommend it to the especial attention of Councils, as containing facts and alterations which have taken place in the bed and channel of

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the river since the last survey, which must be highly gratifying to the citizens generally, and prove essentially important to our commercial interests.

The Committee also deem it proper to state that they have, from time to time, communicated with the Wardens of the Port, whose recognition of the regulated easternmost line which may be adopted by Councils, is rendered necessary by Act of Assembly, and have the satisfaction of stating that they have every reason to believe the determination of the Committee will be recognised, sanctioned, and supported by the said Board of Wardens, when it is officially offered to them for confirmation. The annexed ordinance in relation to the foregoing report is herewith submitted.

The Committee also recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause the following streets to be paved, viz:

Clinton street, between Spruce and Pine, and Tenth and Eleventh.

Schuykill Sixth street, from Walnut to Spruce street.

Ashton street, between Walnut and Locust.

Sassafras street, between Eighth and Tenth.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman*.

JOHN WIEGAND,

W. H. KEATING,

JOHN P. WETHERILL.

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To the Select and Common Councils:

Gentlemen,—The examination of the river, island, and sand bars in front of the city has been made agreeably to instructions, and very considerable changes are found to have taken place since my survey of 1819. The island at the lower end has suffered the loss of about six hundred feet, which has been swept away by the current, and its fragments scattered down the bar and in the eastern channel, towards Kaigh's Point.

A very considerable alteration has also taken place in the sand bars, north of the island. One of these bars, which, formerly, at low water, ran nearly as far up the river as Vine street, is now so far swept away, that it scarcely reaches on a line with Mulberry street. The whole aspect of these bars has so changed, that it scarcely has any analogy to that which it had in 1819. Upon inspecting the map as it now exhibits these bars, together also with the depth of water over the spit that extends towards Cooper's Point, it will be found that immense quantities of sand and alluvion have disappeared.

Our ship channel has also largely shared in this general sweep

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of fragile, floating matter. In a line with Market street, it will be found to have deepened fifteen feet, and that from this place, there is a gradual approximation to the former soundings on the lines across from Kaign's Point and Cooper's Ferry; at which places, the differences between the former and present survey, are only from two to three feet. Nor could there be discovered within these limits, any increase of deposit that will account for a tenth part of what has thus been swept away. It may have found its way even below Gloucester Point, but it is sincerely hoped that it has not been borne so far down as to reach that deeply interesting part of the river, called the bar; at least, that it has not there found a resting place. Perhaps a single day's inspection might decide.

At Vine and Walnut streets, the bed of the river nearly corresponds with its situation in 1819; a change, however, has taken place between these points, which is found gradually to increase to Market street, where it is about eighty feet nearer the city, and it is remarkable, that at this place, as has been stated, the river has deepened the most. From Walnut street, the bed of the river has again changed its position, taking a direction gradually towards the west until it reaches a point between Almond and Catherine street, where it is about two hundred and fifty feet near the city; from this it again gradually approximates its former position, and corresponds with it between Christian and Prince streets. This change in the bed of the river might naturally be expected from the great changes that have occurred and herein reported; but no danger need ever be apprehended that the waters will materially shoal along the city front, since during the ebb tide, the channel around the eastern side of Petty's island is ever pouring its powerful floods directly in upon our wharves.

It is highly gratifying to state, that the philosophical principles deduced from the experiments made on the river in 1819, and published in the report to Councils of that year, have been fully attested and confirmed by the changes that have taken place since that time, and which are now embraced as the subject of this brief report.

Very respectfully,

Philad., Aug. 1st, 1836.

DAVID M'CLURE.

N.B. Since writing the above, information, with great pleasure, was received from Capt. Mallet, the Master Warden, that in a recent inquiry he made respecting the bar, one of our most distinguished pilots informed him that it has deepened full two feet, and that there are now twenty feet at an ordinary high tide. The spring tides will give as much as twenty-two feet, and the lowest neap tide as much as nineteen feet. This intelligence will, doubtless, be highly gratifying to the Councils.

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“An Ordinance regulating and determining the Easternmost line to which wharves may hereafter, lawfully, be constructed on the river Delaware, fronting the city of Philadelphia.”

Whereas, by an Act of Assembly, passed on the 24th day of March, 1832, entitled, “An Act, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia to carry into effect certain improvements, and to execute certain trusts,” it is made lawful for the corporation of the city of Philadelphia to regulate, adjust, and determine the easternmost line to which wharves may thereafter, lawfully, be constructed on the river Delaware, fronting said city, extending from the north side of Vine street to the south side of Cedar street, in the manner therein provided.

Sec. 1. Now, therefore, Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the easternmost line to which wharves may hereafter, lawfully, be extended and constructed into the river Delaware, fronting the said city, shall be and the same is hereby fixed and determined according to the description hereinafter set forth and the plan hereto annexed, [and made a part of this ordinance] made under the authority of the Select and Common Councils of said City by Samuel Hains, City Surveyor, shall henceforth conform in all respects to the said plan and description, which description is in the words and figures following, to wit:

Beginning at a point in range with the north line of Vine street, thence to a point in the south line of Vine street, at the distance of 130 feet east of the east line of Delaware Avenue, and extending southward with a slight curve to the west, passing the north line of Sassafras street 130 feet east of the said Delaware Avenue, the south line of Sassafras street, 130 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Mulberry street, 130 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of Mulberry street, 130 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of High street, 130 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of High street, 130 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Chesnut street, 120 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of Chesnut street, 110 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Walnut street, 110 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of Walnut street, 123 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Dock street, 150 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of Dock street, 156 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Spruce street, 160 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the South line of Spruce street, 165 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Pine street, 205 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of Pine street, 130 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the south line of Lombard street Alley, 95 feet east of Delaware Avenue; the north line of Cedar street, 140 feet east of Delaware Avenue to a point in the south

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line of Cedar street; as the same is described and set forth in the said plan.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the City Solicitor forthwith to make or cause to be made, a record of the said easternmost line as laid out by the first section of this ordinance, in the court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, so soon as the Board of Wardens of the port of Philadelphia shall decide and make their certificate in writing, that such easternmost line is not inconsistent with the public interests, which certificate shall also be recorded in the said court of Quarter Sessions.

The resolution was adopted and sent to Select Council.

And the bill was read a first time, and then Mr. Rowland moved, and it was ordered that the bill and report of Committee and report of Mr. McClure be printed for the use of Councils.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property request leave to

REPORT:

That a full opportunity having been afforded for the renting of the stalls in High Street Market Houses, so that no monopoly should take place, and some of the victuallers requiring more than one stall for their business, of which there are yet some to dispose of, your Committee would recommend a repeal of so much of the ordinance as prohibits any person having more than one stall.

The new market house in High street, between Schuylkill Seventh and Sixth streets, will be shortly ready for occupancy, and your committee would recommend that early measures be adopted for renting the stalls. Those in the western moiety must be rented to persons bringing to market the produce of their farms, at an annual rent of \$20, under the act of Assembly; whilst those in the east moiety to Butchers. The usual plan of distributing the stalls to Farmers will be adopted; and in respect to the Butchers, your committee think that a public sale to those who will pay the highest annual rent, on a lease for ten years, will probably be most equitable.

Your committee would further report that the convenience and comfort of our citizens have been hitherto greatly promoted by the intervention of a large and industrious class of persons, mostly females, who act as the agents of the Farmers in disposing of the produce of their farms and gardens, and thereby contribute to keep our markets well supplied with poultry, vegeta-

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bles, and fruits. The committee are of opinion that to sanction the continuance of this practice, which has heretofore in some instances been deemed to conflict with existing ordinances, would be of general benefit, and are therefore induced to recommend that the committee be authorised to permit the occupancy of the stalls and stands for that purpose, under such regulations as may be proper to adopt in respect thereto.

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
W. H. KEATING,
H. J. WILLIAMS,
PETER WRIGHT,
THOMAS EARP.

And had passed a bill, entitled,

An Ordinance relating to the Markets.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That so much of the ordinance enacted July 7th, 1836, "To regulate the distribution and renting of the stalls in the market houses between Delaware Second and Eighth streets, in High street," as provides "that no applicant shall be entitled to more than one stall" in said markets, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorised to proceed forthwith with the renting and leasing of the stalls in the market houses in High street, between Schuylkill Sixth and Seventh streets, in such manner as may in their opinion, best comport with the interest of the city, and of its citizens. *Provided*, That no lease shall be for a longer period than ten years for the stalls in the eastern moiety and one year for those in the western moiety, from the first of February, 1837, and be subject to all the conditions and regulations of the other market houses in High street.

Section 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in order to secure an abundant supply of poultry, vegetables and fruits in the markets, the Committee on City Property are authorised to make such regulations for the government of persons occupying stalls or stands, within the market limits, as the agents of Farmers or Gardeners, or as venders of provisions, vegetables, and fruits, not previously purchased within the limits of the city, as they shall deem most expedient to promote the comfort and convenience of the community.

Which was forthwith read a first and second time, and being so read, the title was ordered to stand as reported, and the bill was then specially ordered to be read a third time, and being

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so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent back to Select Council.

On motion of Mr. Warner, ordered that the report and bill be published in four daily newspapers.

Mr. Fraley moved a resolution, that Councils will, at next stated meeting, elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Girard College, in place of Alexander D. Bache, resigned, and also a Manager of Wills' Hospital, in place of Thomas Brown, resigned.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and passed a bill thereto annexed, viz:

The Committee on City property request leave to

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration the petitions, most numerous signed by our citizens, for the removal of the old Court House and Market House, in High street, from Second to Third streets, and the erection of a new market house, on the plan adopted for those now erecting.

Your Committee, being fully impressed with the opinion that the request of said citizens is reasonable and just, would recommend a compliance with their request, and therefore submit for the consideration of Councils, "An Ordinance relating to Market Houses."

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*.
THOMAS EARP,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

Philad., 6th mo. June 29th, 1836.

"An Ordinance relating to Market Houses."

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorised and required to cause to be erected a new Market House in High street, between Delaware Second and Third streets, upon the site occupied by the present Market House and old Court House; provided, that said Market House shall be erected upon the same plan and width as has been adopted for the new Market Houses in High street.

Which was read. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Rowland, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the ordinance be postponed until the next meeting.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rawle,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Sailor,
Gilder,	Wm. T. Smith,
Hinchman,	Troth,
Lancaster,	Thomason,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.

Mr. Warner presented a petition for the paving of Delaware Third street, between Willing's Alley and Spruce street. Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Gilder presented two petitions, one for paving Lewis street, between Chesnut and Walnut, and between Fifth and Sixth streets, and the other for paving Pine street, between Schuylkill Sixth and Seventh streets. Which were referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following

Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That, for the purpose of increasing the capital of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and enabling the Trustees to meet the increasing demand for Gas, by an extension of the Works, and more especially of the Pipes in the streets, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised, on behalf of the City, to subscribe for twelve hundred and fifty shares of additional stock, at the par value of one hundred dollars per share; and to issue to the Trustees of said Gas Works, certificates for the same, in like form, and transferrable in the same manner, as the certificates of other debts or loans of the City now are. The said certificates to be redeemable on the day of one thousand eight hundred and and the holders thereof to receive an interest of five per centum, per annum, payable half yearly, on the day of and the day of at the City Treasurer's office. And from and after the issuing of the certificates aforesaid, the city shall be entitled to the same profits and advantages as other Stockholders in said Gas Works.

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Sec. 2d. Be it ordained, &c. That the public lamps and fixtures for burning Gas in the streets shall, hereafter, be erected under the direction of the Committee on Police, at the expense of the city.

Sec. 3d. Be it ordained, &c. That the duties heretofore imposed on the Mayor and City Treasurer, in the custody and payment of moneys belonging to the Gas Works be, and they are hereby transferred to the Trustees and their authorised agents. *Provided, nevertheless,* That nothing contained in the present ordinance shall be binding or effective until a majority of the Stockholders in said Gas Works (voting in the manner prescribed in the ordinance, to which this is a supplement,) shall signify in writing, addressed to the Mayor of the city, their assent to the provisions herein contained.

Which was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. Warner, ordered to be printed for the use of Councils.

Mr. Rowland made a motion that Rule 8, "for regulating the intercourse and business between the Select and Common Councils," be suspended, to enable him to present a report from the Committee on Public Highways, not signed by a majority of the Committee.

Which was agreed to. Whereupon,

Mr. Rowland presented the annexed Report and Resolution from the Committee on Public Highways:

The Committee on Public Highways report to Councils the resolution hereto annexed, and recommend its passage:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to construct an inlet to the Sewer at the north-west corner of Cedar street and Delaware Water street; and also, that they cause Brighton street, from Broad to Schuylkill Eighth street, between Walnut and Locust streets, to be regulated, curbed and paved.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman.*
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
THOS. LANCASTER,
JOHN WIEGAND.

The resolution was taken up for consideration, agreed to, and sent to Select Council.

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Mr. Wm. T. Smith, from the Committee on Police, reported the following bill:

“An Ordinance relative to the purchase of a Police Station in the North-west Division of the City.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Committee on Police be, and is hereby authorised to purchase a suitable building and lot of ground in the north-west division of the city for a Police station; provided, that the cost thereof shall not exceed six thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of six thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Committee on Police, for the purpose mentioned in the preceding section.

Which was read.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith, from the same Committee, also reported the following bill:

“An Ordinance relative to the sale of fresh Shad.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to sell, or expose for sale, any fresh Shad, within the city of Philadelphia, after the first day of June in any year hereafter.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons who shall violate the first section of this ordinance, shall incur a penalty of five dollars for each fresh Shad sold, or exposed for sale, as aforesaid; one half of which penalty shall be paid to the informer, and the other half to the City Treasury.

Which was read.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith, from the same Committee, also reported the following bill:

A further Supplement to the Ordinance, entitled, “An Ordinance for establishing an Effective Police.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the city shall be, and is hereby divided into four police districts, to be called respectively the north-east, south-east, north-west, and south-west police districts; the division lines of which districts shall be the middle of Chesnut street, and the middle of Ninth street.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the au-

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thority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor, immediately after the passage of this ordinance, and annually hereafter, upon the first Monday of January, to allot to each of the High Constables, one of the said police districts, and to give public notice of such allotment.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the particular and special duty of the High Constables to walk through the streets, lanes, and alleys of their respective districts, daily, with their maces in their hands, taking such rounds that in a reasonable time they shall visit all parts of their district, and examine all vagrants and such other persons as shall be liable, under any act of Assembly of this Commonwealth, to the penalties imposed by law upon vagrants, touching the place of their residence, and the modes they pursue of acquiring a livelihood, and upon refusal to give an account thereof, or not giving a satisfactory account, to apprehend such persons, and carry them before the Mayor, or some one of the Aldermen of the city, to be dealt with according to law.

Sec. 4. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall further be the particular and special duty of the High Constables to make report, in writing, to the City Commissioners, of all nuisances, obstructions and impediments in the streets, lanes, and alleys of their said respective districts, in order that the same may be removed, and the authors thereof may be punished according to law; and also to give information, in writing, to the Mayor and Aldermen, or some one or more of them, of all offences committed against the laws and ordinances in being, and of the names of the offenders and witnesses, in order that prosecutions may be commenced and duly proceeded in. And it shall be the duty of the High Constables generally to superintend the execution of all ordinances now in force, or hereafter to be enacted, and to do and perform all such other matters and things as the Select and Common Councils shall, from time to time, by ordinance or resolution, ordain and direct; and all such things as the Mayor, Recorder, or Aldermen, or any of them, shall reasonably require, touching the order, regulation, and well governing of the city.

Sec. 5. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any High Constable shall absent himself from the city, without a permit in writing from the Mayor, or on any business, or for any reason which shall not be approved by the Committee on Police, the said Committee shall

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deduct from the salary of such High Constable any sum not exceeding for each day's absence.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Gilder moved to amend the fourth section by striking out the word "punished," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "proceeded against." Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith moved to fill the blank in the fifth section, by inserting the words "five dollars." Which was agreed to.

The several sections of the bill having been read and agreed to, the title was read and agreed to, whereupon the bill, by special order, was taken up for a third reading, and the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council.

Council then, on motion of Mr. Wm. T. Smith, proceeded to the consideration of a bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance relative to the purchase of a Police Station in the north-west division of the City."

Which was read a second time and agreed to, title read and ordered to stand as reported, and the bill was then specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council.

Mr. Wright submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be directed to suspend all further operations respecting new turn-outs, or additional tracks on the Rail Road in High street, until further authorised by Councils.

Mr. Fraley moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until this night week. Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith read in his place, the annexed bill:

A Supplement to the Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance to construct a branch of the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road, from Broad street to the river Delaware, and for the building of certain Market Houses."

Be it enacted, &c., That so much of the third section of the ordinance, to which this is a supplement, as authorises the con-

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struction of turns and turns-off from the Rail Road in High street, without the consent of Councils, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rowland, Council proceeded to the consideration of a bill, reported at last meeting, entitled,

“An Ordinance, regulating and determining the easternmost line to which Wharves may hereafter, lawfully, be constructed on the river Delaware, fronting the city of Philadelphia.”
[See page 201.]

And the bill was read a second time and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading. It was then, on motion, read a third time by its title, and the question being, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council.

Council then, on motion of Mr. Wm. T. Smith, proceeded to the consideration of the ordinance, entitled,

“An Ordinance, relative to the sale of Fresh Shad.”

And the bill was read a second time and agreed to, the title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading. It was then, by special order, read a third time by its title, and the question being, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council.

On motion of Mr. Fraley, it was

Resolved, That when Council adjourn, it will adjourn to meet again this night week, at 7½ o’clock.

Mr. Fraley moved that Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive them in joint meeting, to proceed to the election of a member of the Board of Trustees of Girard College, in place of Alexander D. Bache, Esq., resigned.

Select Council being introduced, Mr. Lewis of Select and Mr. Thomason of Common Council, were appointed Tellers, who reported that twenty-five votes had been received, of which

Dr. Chas. D. Meigs had received 20 votes,

Dr. J. K. Mitchell “ 2 “

W. B. Reed “ 3 “

And it appearing that Dr. Chas. D. Meigs had received a majority of the whole number of votes, he was declared to be duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Girard College, to fill the unexpired term of Alexander D. Bache, Esq., resigned.

The Convention was then dissolved,

And Common Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Earp,	Wm. T. Smith,
Fraley,	Cor. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Stacey,
Marshall,	Troth,
Otis,	Thomason,
Rawle,	Warner,
Rowland,	Wright.
Sailor,	

Mr. Warner presented a memorial, signed by a number of citizens, residents and occupants of dwellings and stores in High street, west of Delaware Eighth street, complaining of the dusty and filthy condition of the street, and praying that the same may be watered daily.

Referred to the Committee on Cleansing the City.

Mr. Fraley presented a memorial from Charles Johnson, Jr., asking Councils to permit him to extinguish a ground rent, held by the corporation, on a lot owned by him at the south-east corner of Lombard and Tenth streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fraley presented a petition from John Williams, one of the City Watchmen, praying to be remunerated for injuries received in an attempt to arrest two burglars.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Rowland, from the Committee on Public Highways, presented the following report and bill,—

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred, on the 25th ult. a bill, entitled “An Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue and making an appropriation therefor,”

REPORT:

That on the 6th June, 1835, a Jury was appointed to assess the damages done to the owners of property, between High and Mulberry streets, by the opening of Delaware Avenue; to the report of the Jury, Messrs. Bloodgood and Howell, by their counsels filed exceptions.

From information received by the Committee, they derived the impression, that if the City authorities should, in conjunction with the Wardens of the Port, fix the line to which wharves

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might extend, so far east of the line of Delaware Avenue as to enable Messrs. Bloodgood and Howell to extend their wharf so far out into the river as to compensate them for the portion cut off by Delaware Avenue; the exceptions would be withdrawn. The Committee fixed the line, which received the approbation of the Wardens, and the counsel of Bloodgood and Howell were informed, that permission would be given them to extend their wharf to the point they desired. The Committee was then informed that the exceptions could not be withdrawn, unless the Committee would consent to increase the amount of damages awarded by the Jury. To this the Committee refused their assent.

In the mean time a wharf had been laid down in front of a portion of the property of Bloodgood and Howell; and on the 25th July, the Committee were informed that the City had committed a trespass, and that unless the wharf was removed without delay, Messrs. Bloodgood and Howell must take legal measures against the City for the injury they had and would sustain thereby.

The wharf could not be removed without great expense and inconvenience, and the Committee thought the damages awarded by the Jury more than amply compensatory; under these circumstances the Committee believe that the proper and safe course for the City to pursue, will be, to direct the City Solicitor to move the Court to set aside the report of the Jury, so far as relates to the property in question, and then proceed as authorised by the 5th section of the Act of 24th March, 1832.

They therefore recommend the passage of the bill referred—with an amendment.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman.*
J. ROACH,
THOS. LANCASTER,
JOHN WIEGAND,
DAVIS B. STACEY,
JOHN P. WETHERILL.

A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the City Solicitor be instructed to apply to the Court of Quarter Sessions, to set aside the report of the Jury on Delaware Avenue, between High and Mulberry streets, filed 26th December, 1835, so far as relates to the valuation of damages done to the land and property of Francis Bloodgood and Anna his wife, in right of said Anna

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and Edward Warner Howell, and for leave to withdraw the application, for a Jury to assess the damages done to the above property, filed 6th June, 1835.

Sec. 2. Be it ordained, &c. That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to open or cause to be opened, forthwith, for public use, so much of Delaware Avenue as lies between the north line of the property of Rebecca, Catharine, and Elizabeth Hopkins and Mulberry street aforesaid; and in the execution of the above instructions, it shall be their duty to regulate, curb, light and pave the same; and in every respect to conform to the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed on the 24th March, 1832, entitled "An act to enable the Mayor &c. to carry into effect certain improvements and to execute certain trusts," and of the several Ordinances relating to Delaware Avenue, passed the 27th February, 1834, and on the 3rd day of April, 1834.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fraley, Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance reported at the last meeting, entitled "Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works.'"

Mr. Fraley moved to fill the blanks in the first section, by inserting in the first blank, the "first day of January, 1870," and in the second blank, "the first day of January, and the first day of July," which was agreed to.

The first section was agreed to.

Mr. Fraley, moved to amend the second section, by adding at the close the following words:

"And the said Committee are hereby authorised to reimburse the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, for the expense incurred in the erection of the Public Gas Lamps, and the metres and fixtures therefor. *Provided*, The pipes shall be extended, in such manner as the Committee on Police may direct, so as to light the Public Squares.

The question being on the amendment,

Mr. Wm. T. Smith moved to commit the bill and amendment to the Committee on Police, which was agreed to.

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Mr. Fraley, on leave given, submitted the annexed bill:

“Ordinance for the protection of the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

Be it enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That any person or persons who shall open a communication between the street main and any premises in which Gas Pipes shall have been put up, without authority from the Inspector or other authorised agent of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works; or who shall let on the Gas after it has been stopped by order of said Inspector or other authorised agent, for repairs or any other purpose, or who shall put up any Pipes or Burners originally put up and inspected, and introduce the Gas into them without authority as aforesaid; shall be subject to a penalty of twenty dollars for each and every offence, recoverable in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia; one half to be paid to the informer, and one half to be paid into the City Treasury.

And on motion, the same was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Wright moved to reconsider the resolution passed at the last meeting in these words:

“*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Highways be directed to suspend all further operations respecting new turn-outs, or additional tracks, on the Rail Road in High street, until further authorised by Councils.”

Which was agreed to.

The resolution being again before Council, it was, on motion of Mr. Hinchman, laid on the table.

Council then, on motion of Mr. Chas. S. Smith, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, entitled “An Ordinance relating to Market Houses. [See page 204.]

And the question being on the adoption of the first and only section of the bill, Mr. Fraley moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following:

“An Ordinance relating to Market Houses.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the Commissioner on City Property is hereby authorised and required, on or before the 31st day of October next, to give notice to the occupants of the stalls and stands in the Market House between Delaware Second

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and Third street, to remove from and give up possession of their stalls and stands respectively occupied by them, on or before the 1st day of February, 1837, and on the vacation of the said stalls and stands in pursuance of such notice, the Committee on City Property are hereby authorised to cause to be erected a new Market house in High street, between Delaware Third and Second streets, on the site occupied by the present Market House and old Court House, on the same plan and of the same materials as the Market Houses now being erected in High street. *Provided, that* a Cupola Hall be placed on the western extremity of said Market House, for the accommodation of a public clock, with two dials looking east and west. *And Provided further,* That the Butcher's stalls in said Market House shall be rented and leased according to the provisions of an Ordinance passed the 7th day of July, 1836, for the distribution and renting of the stalls and stands in the Market Houses, between Delaware Second and Eighth streets, in High, and the supplement thereto, passed 11th of August, 1836.

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was then agreed to, the title read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. W. T. Smith moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next meeting. Which motion was lost.

The bill was then read a third time, and the question being "Shall this bill pass?" the ayes and nays were required, and are as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Earp, Fraley, Gilder, Hinchman, Marshall, Rawle, Cor. S. Smith, Chas. S. Smith, Stacey, Troth—10.

Nays—Messrs. Lancaster, Otis, Rowland, Sailor, Wm. T. Smith, Thomason, Warner—7.

So the bill was passed.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that that body had received the following report from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, and passed the resolution thereto annexed, in which they request concurrence:

The Commissioners of the Girard Estates beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration the memorial of the controllers and directors of the Public Schools, for a portion of

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the lot on Jones' Alley, to erect a School House: providing, that should said lot be required hereafter to be given up, that the city should refund the cost of said School House. The commissioners are of opinion that it would not be expedient for the city to enter into such a contract, and therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the controllers and directors of Public Schools.

JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
RICHARD PRICE,
JOS. R. CHANDLER,
HENRY TROTH,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
THOMAS EARP,
W. M. MEREDITH.

Common Council concurred.

The message also informed,

That Select Council concurred in a bill from Common Council, entitled "An Ordinance relative to the purchase of a Police Station, in the north-west division of the City."

Also, in the resolution to construct an inlet in the Sewer at the north-west corner of Cedar and Water streets, and to regulate, curb and pave Brighton street, between Locust and Walnut streets.

Also, in the bill, entitled, "An Ordinance regulating and determining the easternmost line to which Wharves may hereafter, lawfully, be constructed on the river Delaware, fronting the city of Philadelphia."

Also, in a bill, entitled, "An Ordinance relative to the sale of Fresh Shad."

Also, in a bill, entitled, "A further Supplement to the Ordinance, entitled, 'An Ordinance for establishing an Effective Police,' " with the following amendment, viz:

In section 4, line 12, strike out the words "in being."

In which amendment Common Council concurred.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rawle,
Earp,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Troth,
Gilder,	Sailor,
Hinchman,	Wm. T. Smith,
Lancaster,	Cor. S. Smith,
Marshall,	Thomason,
Otis,	Wright.

The minutes of the meeting held September 1st, were ordered to be corrected on page 215, by striking out the name of Mr. Gilder from the vote on the "Ordinance relating to Market Houses," and inserting among the ayes, the name of Mr. Wright.

The President submitted the following communication:

Board of Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans, }
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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans, held last evening, it was

Resolved, That Councils be requested to make an appropriation of six thousand dollars to the use of this Board, for the purpose of paying the salary of the President of the Girard College for Orphans, defraying the expenses of his voyage to Europe, and purchasing such books, apparatus, and models as it may be deemed necessary to procure there; that being the sum which it is estimated by this Board will be required for these purposes during the ensuing six months.

JAMES BAYARD,
Secretary G. C. O.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Sailor presented a petition from citizens, residents of North Mulberry Ward, praying Councils to place the Diligent Hose Company, recently located in that Ward, on the same footing with other Fire Companies, as respects the annual appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith presented a petition, signed by owners and occupiers of Property on Decatur street, complaining of

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empty Market carts and wagons in said street, as an inconvenience to trade, and praying that the same may be removed.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Fraley from the Committee on Finance, presented the following

REPORT:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Johnson, Jr., asking to be allowed to extinguish a ground rent payable out of a lot at the south-east corner of Tenth and Lombard streets, having given attention to the subject, report:

That on the 19th September, 1827, the memorialist purchased the lot described in his petition, subject to the payment of an annual rent of ninety-five dollars, and extinguishable on the payment of fifteen hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-four cents within the term of seven years, from 19th of September, 1827.

That period has already passed and the rent has now become a perpetual charge on the property, but as the lot was taken up for the purpose of improvement, and the purchaser has complied with the other conditions of his deed, the Committee are of opinion that both sound policy and the real interests of the city combine to sanction the request of the petitioner; and, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised to execute to Charles Johnson, Jr. a release of the ground rent charged upon a lot of ground at the south-east corner of Tenth and Lombard streets, on the payment of the rent then due, and the further sum of fifteen hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-four cents into the hands of the City Treasurer.

FRED. FRALEY,
WILLIAM RAWLE, Jr.
JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
RICHARD PRICE,
CHARLES MARSHALL,
WM. T. SMITH,

Philad., Sept. 8, 1836.

Committee on Finance.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, when it was adopted.

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Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways, presented the following report and bill:

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That they have had under consideration certain applications from individuals for openings into Sewers from their buildings, [which have been referred to the attention of the Committee by Councils] and believe no injury will result from granting their requests. Under proper restrictions, the Committee consider it rather a benefit to the public than otherwise, that the water from private property should be conveyed under ground as speedily as possible. In order to prevent the abuse of the privilege, and to retain full control over openings which may hereafter be granted, the Committee have adopted a uniform plan, suggested by the Recording Surveyor, of having a covered communication therewith on the lower side of the footway, partaking in its interior construction, of the nature of an inlet, by means of which, any improper use of these openings may at once be ascertained and forthwith corrected. The Committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the annexed ordinance.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman.*

J. ROACH,

THOS. LANCASTER,

JOHN WIEGAND.

“An Ordinance authorising openings into certain Sewers.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Methodist Episcopal Union Church and the Merchants' Hotel Company, have permission to lay an iron pipe not exceeding twenty inches in diameter, from their buildings on the west side of Delaware Fourth street, between High and Mulberry streets, into the Sewer in said Fourth street; and also, that William H. Robertson have permission to lay an iron pipe, not exceeding three inches in diameter, from his house, No. 244 Walnut street, into the Sewer in front thereof; and also, that Catherine C. Kepple have permission to lay an iron pipe, not exceeding three inches in diameter, from her house, No. 262 Walnut street, into the adjacent Sewer in said Walnut street; and also, that W. and D. Watt have permission to lay an iron pipe, not exceeding four inches in diameter, from their buildings near the south-east corner of Schuylkill Third and Pine

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streets, into the adjacent Sewer in said Pine street: *Provided*, That all the above recited openings into the Sewers aforesaid, shall be made under the direction of the City Commissioners, agreeably to a plan furnished by Samuel Hains, Recording Surveyor, and that all expenses in placing the street in good order, shall be paid by the individuals or companies applying for the said openings; *And provided also*, that the said iron pipes shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of Councils, if found to be injurious, any law or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Gilder moved to amend the first and only section of the bill, by striking out in the twenty-fifth line, the words "if found to be injurious." Which was agreed to.

The section was agreed to, the title read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading. It was then, by special order, read a third time by its title, and the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith, from the Committee on Police, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Police to whom was committed the bill, entitled, Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works," and the amendment offered thereto, report,

That they have considered the matter referred to them, and recommend the passage of the first and third sections of the said bill—the second section, however, and the amendment offered to it, are liable to objection.

By the 5th section of the ordinance establishing the Gas Works, the Trustees are bound to provide three hundred public lamps, without expense to the City Corporation, and to supply the same with Gas at half the price paid by private consumers. The Trustees have provided about one half the public lamps that may be required of them, the residue not having been called for by the Committee on Police. The second section of the bill proposes to release the Trustees from the obligation to furnish the balance of the three hundred public lamps, and the amendment offered, provides that the Trustees shall be reimbursed the

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expense already incurred in the erection of public lamps. As a compensation to the city for these remissions, the amendment provides, that the Trustees shall extend the Gas pipes so as to light the public Squares. The Committee has always been of opinion, that the public lamps which the Trustees were bound to provide, became the property of the City as soon as they were erected. The Trustees, it seems, entertain a different opinion. It is a question, however, of no practical importance, as the city is undoubtedly entitled to the full and perpetual use of them, and her interest in them is, therefore, as valuable as if she had an absolute property in them. The Committee understand that the lamps cost about twenty-five dollars a-piece, so that if the second section of the bill, and the amendment to it should pass, the city would remit to the Gas Works about \$7,500. The extension of the Gas pipes so as to light Independence and Washington Squares, would cost, it is supposed, between two and three thousand dollars. It is evident, therefore, that the inducement offered for the passage of the second section and amendment, is entirely inadequate. The Stockholders in the Gas Works subscribed or purchased their stock, with a full knowledge of the bonus to which the city is entitled under the fifth section of the original ordinance, and the Committee is of opinion, that they should be held to their bargain. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the second section of the bill and the amendment be negatived, and that the following section be inserted in lieu thereof.

Sec. 2. That three hundred public lamps, in addition to those mentioned in the fifth section of the ordinance to which this is a supplement, shall be supplied with Gas at one half the price paid by private consumers, the fixtures and meters therefor to be provided by the city; *Provided*, That the price paid for Gas supplied to said lamps, shall not exceed the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents for one thousand cubic feet, and that the said lamps shall be erected under the direction of the Committee on Police, or as may be hereafter provided by Councils.

WILLIAM T. SMITH,
BENJ. M. HINCHMAN,
HENRY SAILOR,
JOHN WIEGAND,
CORNELIUS S. SMITH.

Which was read.

Mr. Gilder moved that the same be printed for the use of Councils. Which was agreed to.

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Mr. Fraley, on leave given, read in his place, the following ordinance:

“An Ordinance making an appropriation for the support of the Girard College for Orphans.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the sum of six thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the salary of the President of the Girard College for Orphans, for defraying the expense of his mission to Europe, and for the purchase of books, apparatus and models, and that the same be paid out of the income of the fund set apart for the erection and support of the said College on the requisitions of the Board of Trustees thereof.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. The first and only section was agreed to, the title was read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading. It was then, by special order, read a third time by its title, and the question being, “Shall this bill pass?” it was passed and sent to Select Council.

A message from Select Council informed, that Select Council had agreed to the amendment of Common Council to the bill from Select Council, entitled, “An Ordinance relating to Market Houses,” with an amendment, striking out from the word “the,” inclusive, in line 1, to the word “notice,” inclusive, in line 8.

Mr. Gilder moved that this Council non-concur. Which was agreed to, so Common Council refused to concur in the amendment.

Mr. Fraley moved that Select Council be informed that this Council will adjourn in fifteen minutes, unless prevented by business from that body. Agreed to.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rowland,
Earp,	Sailor,
Fraley,	Wm. T. Smith,
Gilder,	Ch. S. Smith,
Hinchman,	Thomason,
Lancaster,	Troth,
Marshall,	Warner,
Otis,	Wright.
Rawle,	

Mr. Rowland presented the petition of the Presidents of sundry Insurance Companies in the Exchange, praying that that part of Walnut street may be paved with wood.

And also a petition for the paving of Murray street.

Which were referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Gilder presented the petition of Messrs. Foster and Stelle, praying for compensation for services in Watering and Cleansing High street, &c.

Which was referred to Committee on Police.

Mr. Otis presented a petition for the paving of Vine street, between Third and Fourth, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Wright presented a petition against removing Carts, &c. from Decatur street.

Which was referred to Committee on Police.

Mr. Rowland from the Committee on Public Highways made a Report, accompanied by two Resolutions and a bill.

The Committee on Public Highways respectfully

REPORT:

That the representatives of an estate on the south side of Mulberry street, fronting the Delaware river, having withdrawn the exceptions they had filed to the award of the jury on Delaware Avenue relating to said estate, the annexed ordinance is submitted by the Committee for the sanction of Councils, in order that the damages awarded may be paid, and the improvement of that section of the Avenue between High and Mulberry streets, may be prosecuted.

The Committee, on further consideration, respecting the location of an inlet ordered by Councils, at the suggestion of the

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Committee, to be placed at the north-west corner of Cedar and Little Water streets, believe that the usefulness of said inlet would be increased if it were placed at the north-west corner of Cedar and Penn streets. They therefore advise the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution of Councils as directs an inlet to be made into the common sewer at the north-west corner of Cedar and Little Water streets, be rescinded, and as a better situation, that the said inlet shall be placed at the north-west corner of Cedar and Penn streets.

The Committee having viewed a number of streets, for the paving or repaving of which petitions had been referred to them by Councils, recommend the adoption of the resolution hereto annexed.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be, and they are hereby required to cause the following named streets to be regulated and paved, or repaved, as the case may require:

For Repaving.

Pine street, between Delaware Seventh and Eighth.
Delaware Front street, from Mulberry to Sassafras street.
Vine street, between Delaware Second and Fourth streets.
Sassafras street, between Delaware Fourth and Fifth streets.
Delaware Fifth street, from Mulberry to Sassafras street.
Delaware Seventh street, from Mulberry to Sassafras street.
Eleventh street, between High and Mulberry streets.

For Paving.

Pine street, between Schuylkill Sixth and Seventh streets.
Rittenhouse street, between Schuylkill Seventh and Eighth, and Sassafras and Vine streets.

JAMES ROWLAND, *Chairman*.
J. ROACH,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN P. WETHERILL.

A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to open

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or cause to be opened, so much of Delaware Avenue as lies between the North line of the property of Rebecca, Catharine and Elizabeth Hopkins and Mulberry street: and in the execution of the above instructions, it shall be their duty to regulate, curb, light and pave the same, and in every respect to conform to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the 24th day of March, 1832, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, to carry into effect certain improvements, and to execute certain trusts, and of the several Ordinances relating to Delaware Avenue."

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on Public Highways be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, previous to entering upon the premises aforesaid, for the purpose of opening Delaware Avenue as aforesaid, to pay to Francis Bloodgood and Anna his wife, in right of said Anna and Edward Warner Howell, or their Attornies, the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, that being the amount of damages awarded by the jury appointed to view the premises.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of \$8000 out of the income of the fund appropriated, under the 22d item of the will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the Eastern front of the City and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expense of carrying into effect this Ordinance, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Girard Fund, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to such persons as the Committee on Public Highways shall from time to time certify to be entitled, under the provisions of this Ordinance, to the sum respectively claimed by them.

And the same being read, each Resolution was considered and passed, and sent to Select Council for concurrence, and Select Council concurred.

And the bill thereto attached was thereupon read a first and second time by sections, and the title ordered to stand as read, and being specially ordered to be read a third time, the same was so read, and on the question "shall this bill pass?" it was passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gilder from the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans, reported a bill, entitled,

An Ordinance making an appropriation for the Building of the Girard College for Orphans.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the sum of

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fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended in constructing the Girard College for Orphans.

And the same was forthwith read a first and second time, title ordered to stand as read, and being specially ordered to be read a third time, the same was so read, and on the question "shall this bill pass?" the same was passed and sent to Select Council for concurrence, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley read in his place a bill, entitled,

An Ordinance to regulate the use of the Rail Road in High, Third, and Dock streets.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the cars used for the transportation of merchandize and passengers on the Rail Road through High street, Third street, and Dock street, shall be propelled by animal power exclusively, and every driver or conductor of any such car, who shall permit his horse or horses to travel at a greater speed than a walk on said road; or any person who shall wilfully or carelessly place any obstruction thereon, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for every such offence; one-half thereof for the use of the informer, and the other half to be paid into the city treasury.

And the same was forthwith read a second time, title ordered to stand as read, and being specially ordered to be read a third time, it was so read, and on the question "shall this bill pass?" the same was passed and sent to Select Council for concurrence, and Select Council concurred.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on Cleansing the City, and had passed the resolution thereto attached, and the same being read, viz:

The petition from sundry citizens, praying that Market street, above Eighth street, may be properly watered, report that measures have been taken to have that street watered agreeably to the request of the petitioners.

The Committee have also taken into consideration the petition from sundry citizens, praying that the city stables may be removed. After examining the condition of the stables, the Committee are of the opinion that, from the good order in which the stables are kept, they cannot be a serious nuisance to the neigh-

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bourhood, and that the public interests, at the present time, would not be promoted by their removal—therefore,

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of these subjects.

DENNIS MCCREDY,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN DARRAGH,
JOHN THOMASON,
ISAAC OTIS,
J. ROACH.

Was considered, and the resolution passed.

Stating, further, that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and had passed the bill thereto attached, viz:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on City Property

REPORT:

That some additional regulations in the markets appear to be important, and to meet which they submit the annexed “ Ordinance relating to the High Street Market Place.”

RICHARD PRICE, *Chairman*,
H. J. WILLIAMS,
PETER WRIGHT,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
JOS. R. CHANDLER,
THOMAS EARP.

Philadelphia, 9th month, 22d, 1836.

An Ordinance relating to the High Street Market Place.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That it shall be the duty of the renters or occupiers of stalls in the market houses in High street, to take down and carefully place in the boxes prepared for them, all the moveable posts and bars, the cranes, scales and curtains, previous to leaving the market houses; they shall furnish locks and keys at their own expense, and keep locked at all times the doors of both boxes belonging to each stall, except only when they are taking out or putting in the posts, bars, cranes, scales, or curtains.

Section 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the blocks used by the butchers and

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other renters or occupants of stalls, shall not exceed two feet six inches in width; and when using the same, they shall not extend more than two feet six inches beyond the inner edge of the stalls, and shall be placed underneath said stalls when not in use.

Section 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in consideration of the rent paid by the butchers, and by the Jersey farmers between Seventh and Eighth streets, that the city will furnish, at its own expense, suitable curtains to their stalls, to be kept in good order at the expense of the renters, and they to furnish new curtains similar to the others, when those supplied by the city are worn out. The other renters of stalls may supply themselves, at their own cost, with curtains of the same description.

Section 4. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for every infraction of this ordinance, not otherwise provided for, there shall be incurred by the offender a penalty of two dollars, to be recovered in the usual manner.

Section 5. And be further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so many of the stalls of the market house between Third and Fourth streets, as may be requisite for the accommodation of the butchers heretofore renting therein, shall be appropriated to their use; and the remainder of the stalls and stands shall be appropriated and rented, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, for the sale of the produce of gardens and farms, and such articles as may be proper and suitable to be sold in the market houses; any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 6. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorised to appropriate and rent, for the sale of provisions and such articles as are proper to be sold in the market places, any and all the stalls or stands that are not rented or leased in the market houses, any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Whereupon the bill was read a first and second time, the title ordered to stand as reported, the bill then specially ordered to be read a third time, and being so read, on the question, "Shall this bill pass?" the same was passed.

And then the Council adjourned.

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Present Messrs. Darragh,	Rowland,
Earp,	Sailor,
Fraley,	Wm. T. Smith,
Hinchman,	Ch. S. Smith,
Lancaster,	Cor. S. Smith,
Marshall,	Thomason,
Otis,	Troth,
Rawle,	Warner,
	Wright.

Mr. Rowland presented the petition of sundry citizens praying for the paving of Harrison street.

The petition of Wm. Plate for a new regulation of Water street between High and Mulberry.

And the petition of Thomas Fisher for an opening into Dock street Sewer.

And moved that the same be referred to the early attention of next councils, which was ordered

Mr. Fraley presented the petition of sundry citizens praying for the paving of State street between Race and Vine and Schuylkill Seventh and Eighth.

And another praying for the paving of Ninth street from Sassafras to Cherry, and moved a Resolution:

Resolved, That the city commissioners under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways cause State street to be regulated curbed and paved as soon as practicable. And also Ninth street between Sassafras and Cherry streets.

Which was considered and passed, and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Ch. S. Smith presented the petition of sundry persons lately selling shoes in the old markets and praying for stands as heretofore, which was referred to the early attention of next Councils.

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Mr. Rawle, from the committee on legacies and trusts, made a report, accompanied by a resolution, viz:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The committee on Legacies and Trusts, on whom has devolved the duty of distributing the annual appropriation for the use of the Fire Companies of the city, according to the provisions of an ordinance passed the 22d of April, 1824, entitled, "An ordinance granting aid to the Fire Engine and Hose Companies in the city," and the several supplements thereto; and to whom was referred the application of the Diligent Hose Company for a participation in such annual appropriation,

REPORT:

That they have visited the establishments of the different Fire Engines and Hose Companies and inspected their apparatus and appointments, and have great pleasure in reporting, that in most instances they found them in the condition which might have been expected from the active, zealous and meritorious citizens of whom the companies are composed. They abstain from bestowing high commendation on the Fire Department generally, only because the value of their services is so deeply felt, and their merits so universally acknowledged, as to render it superfluous to do so. But the committee, while they experienced the highest gratification in observing the admirable condition in which the Fire Apparatus, generally appeared, feel it their duty to state that there are a few companies to whom they cannot extend the commendation bestowed upon the rest. They forbear particularly to designate those to whom they refer, because they believe the companies themselves cannot fail to know which are intended, and because they are under the impression that the imperfect condition of the apparatus and appointments of those companies may have resulted from the want of pecuniary means, which the appropriation now made, will in a great measure supply.

The tabular statement annexed to this report, will exhibit the names of the different Fire Engine and Hose Companies, the names of their respective Presidents, the number of honorary, active and attentive members, and the number of feet of hose belonging to each. The committee have added another column shewing how the companies respectively are situated as to the tenure of their respective locations.

The committee have distributed the money appropriated by Councils under the ordinance above referred to and its supple-

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ments, equally among the twenty-seven companies within the boundaries of the city, amounting to three hundred dollars to each company, which they have directed to be paid to their respective presidents.

The committee have duly considered the application of the Diligent Hose Company for a participation in the fund appropriated by Councils to the use of the Fire Department. The company represent that they are now located in Castle near Eleventh street : That they consist of sixty-two active and twenty-one honorary members and that of their whole number five are minors: That upon an average thirty members turn out at fires: That they are in possession of a substantial, well made carriage, built in the latter part of the year 1833, and have one thousand feet of good hose, with other apparatus necessary for effective service. That they have in their possession a lot of ground fifteen feet in width by twenty-five feet in depth, situated in Madison near Race street, on which it is their intention to erect a two storied house for a permanent location, their present one being merely temporary.

Notwithstanding the good condition in which this company appear to be for effective service, the committee cannot recommend to Councils to grant the prayer of their petition. They are of opinion that the number of Fire Engines and Hose Companies already within the limits of the city is sufficiently large (with the assistance always promptly rendered by those from the adjoining districts) for all the purposes of protection from fire; and that to increase the number of those among whom the pecuniary assistance of the city is to be distributed, would be attended by injurious consequences. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, that the number of Fire Engine and Hose Companies, already established within the limits of the city, and receiving shares of the annual appropriation for the use of the Fire Companies of the city, under the provisions of the ordinance of the 22d of April, 1824, and its supplements, is sufficiently large, and that it is inexpedient at this time to encrease it.

WILLIAM RAWLE, *Chairman,*
H. J. WILLIAMS,
JAMES ROWLAND,
JOHN THOMASON,
J. ROACH,
THOMAS DUNLAP.

Philadelphia, October 3d, 1836.

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STATEMENT of the result of the Investigation of the condition of the different Fire Companies, by the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, September 12, 1836.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	NAMES OF PRESIDENTS.	Active members.	Attentive members.	Hon'ry. members.	No. of feet of Hose.	TENURE OF LOCATIONS.
Resolution Hose, -	Charles Schaeffer, -	21	15	33	1000	No location.
Delaware Engine, -	Townshend Sharpless, -	30	20	12	200	Own their location.
Perseverance Hose, -	Peter Fritz, -	33	25	40	1200	No location.
Reliance Engine, -	William S. Book, -	45	20	27	110	Rent, \$60 per annum.
Vigilant Engine, -	George W. Tryon, -	45	20 to 25	24	800	Own their location.
Neptune Hose, -	John B. Lauch, -	46	25	28	1100	Rent, \$50 per annum.
Assistance Company Ap. -	Daniel Murphy, -	-	25	28	600	No location.
Hand in Hand Engine, -	-	43	-	31	-	-
Columbia Engine, -	Daniel Knight, -	35	20	38	415	Own their location.
Columbia Hose, -	Samuel G. Ruggles, -	67	50	47	1100	Rent, \$75 per annum.
Philadelphia Hose, -	John P. Wetherill, -	44	30	73	1000	Own their location.
Phoenix Company Ap. -	Edward C. Nesbit, -	36	30	33	900	do.
Harmony Engine -	Emmor Kimber, -	65	30	22	600	do.
Diligent Engine -	Edward A. Souder, -	46	30	42	860	do.
Washington Hose, -	Charles J. Bouter, -	70	50	28	900	Rent, \$50 per annum.
Good Will Engine, -	Adam Eschfeldt, -	65	60	12	950	Own their location.
American Hose, -	William H. Hamilton, -	23	14	7	1150	Rent, \$150 per annum.
Pennsylvania Company Ap. -	Samuel P. Griffiths, Jr. -	39	25	64	1241	Tenants at will—no rent.
Fame Hose, -	John Rutherford, Jr. -	47	30	24	1200	Rent, \$125 per annum.
Good Intent Hose, -	George K. Child, -	34	18	24	1200	Pay no rent.
Hibernia Engine, -	James McDonald, -	28	25	25	300	No location.
Hope Hose, -	Alexander Henry, -	80	50	54	1050	On City property.
Southwark Hose, -	John W. Nesbit, -	36	30	72	1500	do. do.
Robert Morris Hose, -	Joseph B. Andrews, -	46	26	24	1000	No location.
Washington Engine, -	Frederick Forst, -	63	25	24	600	do.
Schuylkill Hose, -	James Hutchinson, -	25	20	-	950	Rent, \$75 per annum.
Philadelphia Engine, -	Philip Garrett, -	42	20	22	750	Own their location.

REMARKS.—The Companies who are stated to have no locations, have either been obliged to leave their late locations, or have received notice to quit, and have not yet procured other situations. Of the Companies stated to own their locations, several are in debt for proportions of the purchase money.

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And the Resolution was considered, adopted, and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley offered a Resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated in aid of the funds of the Diligent Hose Company to be paid to the president of said company on the requisition of the committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Which was read, considered, passed and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland, from the committee on Public Highways, made a Report, accompanied by a Resolution, viz.

The Committee on Public Highways beg leave to

REPORT,

That the petitions and other business hereinafter named, which were recently referred to them by Councils, having been received at a period when the labors of the present committee were approaching to a termination, and from the press of previous business, action on which was unavoidably delayed, your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution, being desirous that the applications alluded to should receive such a direction as will lead to a suitable notice and adjustment thereof.

The Committee have also attentively considered the resolution referred to them relative to the expediency of "making it the duty of the City Commissioners to re-set, and procure and set, all the curb-stone which shall be hereafter used along the public highways," and they are led to believe that it would be both for public and private interest, to have *that* business attended to exclusively by the Commissioners.

The reasons which have led the Committee to this conclusion are briefly these: In examining a number of streets which require re-paving, it was found that the curb-stones have been displaced from their original line; and in almost every such case, instead of inclining to the foot pavements, as they were originally placed, they jut over to the street or carriage pavements. This could not occur without the curbstone having been shifted from its original foundation. It will be perceived, therefore, that when this does take place, the street pavement, as a necessary consequence, must spread, the arch of it is de-

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stroyed, and the stones, thus loosened, are easily displaced by the passage of heavy burdened carriages. This, it is believed by the Committee, is one of the principal causes of the frequent re-pavings which our public highways require. In this opinion the Committee are strengthened by the observation and experience of the City Commissioners.

The Committee have no disposition to reflect upon that class of our citizens whose business it is to furnish and set the curb-stones in our streets; it is enough to know that they are not responsible to the city for the permanency of their work.

It is also believed that much time would be saved the Commissioners, in notifying owners of property, &c., if they had this business exclusively under their controul; and would also prevent vexatious collisions between the commissioners and those whose business it now is, to furnish and set the curb stone.

The Committee regret that they are compelled to state, that before this desirable object can be attained, it will be necessary to have the acts of the assembly relating to curb stones altered; it is therefore respectfully recommended that this subject be referred to the special and early consideration of the next councils.

Resolved, That the petitions and communications herein set forth be recommended to the early attention of the next councils: viz.

1. A Resolution of Councils relating to setting and resetting curb stones.
2. Petition to pave Walnut street between Dock and Third streets with wood.
3. Petition to pave Murray street.
4. Petition to pave Lewis street.
5. Petition of the Germantown and Norristown Rail Road Company for permission to lay a Rail Road in Ninth street.
6. Remonstrance against the said application.

JAMES ROWLAND,
THOMAS LANCASTER,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
JOHN WIEGAND,
J. ROACH.

Philadelphia, October 5, 1836.

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And the Resolution was carried and adopted and sent to Select Council, and Select Council concurred.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith from the committee in Police read in his place a bill entitled

“An Ordinance, for the protection of the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That any person or persons, who shall open a communication into the street gas main or other gas pipe, without authority from the Inspector or other authorized agent of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works or who shall let on the gas after it has been stopped by order of said Inspector or other authorized agent for repairs or any other purpose, or who shall put up any pipes or burners in addition to the pipes or burners originally put up and inspected, and introduce the gas into them without authority as aforesaid, shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars for each and every such offence; one half to be paid to the informer, and the other half into the city treasury.

Which was then read a second time and title ordered to stand as reported, and the bill was then specially ordered to be read a third time. And being so read, on the question “Shall this bill pass?” the same was passed and sent to Select Council.

A message was received from Select Council stating that Select Council concurred therein with an amendment inserting instead of the words “fifty dollars,” the words “not less than ten nor more than fifty,” which was considered and concurred in.

Mr. Warner offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be presented to HENRY TROTH, Esq., for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this chamber during the past year.

Mr. Fraley seconded the same at length, and the question being put from the clerk's table, the Resolution was adopted unanimously.

And the president made his acknowledgments for the honour.

Mr. Fraley moved that Council do now adjourn, which was carried.

And then the Council adjourned *sine die*



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JOURNAL
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL,
OF THE
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
FOR 1836-7.

Beginning October 14, 1836,

AND

Ending October 5, 1837.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

PHILADELPHIA:

J. VAN COURT, PRINTER, CORNER OF QUARRY AND BREAD STREET

1837.



COMMON COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, October 14, 1836.

The following named gentlemen, members elect of the Common Council, viz.

Messrs. Anderson,	Mathews,
Andrews,	M'Causland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Huchinson,	Sailor,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner,

assembled according to law in the city Hall at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of this day, and then called James Rowland, Esq. to the chair. After which,

On motion of Mr. Fraley,

They proceeded to the Hall of Independence, where the Judges of the General Election gave to them the returns of the General Election for the office of Common Council.

The Council elect did then return to their chamber, when the said return was read, and ordered to be filed—and it is in the order and figures following, viz.

JUDGES.

We, the Subscribers, Judges of a General Election, held at the State House in the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, for members of the Common Council

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of the City of Philadelphia, Do certify, that the following persons had the number of votes affixed to their respective names, to wit:

James Rowland had	five thousand and sixty-nine	votes	5069
Benj. M. Hinchman	do. do.	thirty-seven do.	5037
Isaac Otis	do. do.	forty-three do.	5043
Alex. McCausland	do. do.	forty do.	5040
John Thomason	do. do.	twenty-three do.	5023
William Rawle	do. do.	sixty-one do.	5061
Alex. Ferguson	do. do.	seventy-seven do.	5077
Joseph T. Mather	do. do.	seventy-six do.	5076
Caleb B. Matthews	do. do.	sixty-five do.	5065
William V. Anderson	do. do.	sixty-nine do.	5069
John S. Warner	do. do.	sixty-seven do.	5067
Frederick Fraley had	forty-nine hundred and sixty-one	do.	4961
James Crissy had	five thousand and sixty-five	do.	5065
Jas. Hutchinson	do. do.	sixty-three do.	5063
James Andrews	do. do.	seventy-five do.	5075
William S. Perot	do. do.	eighty-one do.	5081
Henry Sailor	do. do.	sixty-six do.	5066
Timothy Caldwell	do. do.	sixty-seven do.	5067
Richard Price	do. do.	four do.	5004
John Lindsay	do. do.	seventy-four do.	5074
Isaac Wainwright	thirty-two hundred	seventy-three do.	3273
Thomas Hunt	do. do.	fifty-six do.	3256
Aaron S. Lippincott	do. do.	sixty-five do.	3265
George W. Tryon	do. do.	seventy-two do.	3272
John Benner	do. do.	fifty-four do.	3254
William Camm	do. do.	sixty-three do.	3263
Samuel H. Perkins	do. do.	sixty-three do.	3263
Charles Macallester	do. do.	sixty-three do.	3263
George K. Childs	do. do.	fifty-four do.	3254
David Boyd	do. do.	thirty-three do.	3233
James Fearon	do. do.	fifty do.	3250
Hugh Catherwood	do. do.	thirty-two do.	3232
Thomas S. Stewart	do. do.	fifty-one do.	3251
Enos S. Gandy	do. do.	fifty-four do.	3254
John Rutherford, Sen.	do. do.	forty-nine do.	3249
John Wilbank	do. do.	forty-six do.	3246
Samuel Porter	do. do.	twenty-six do.	3226
Benjamin Wiley	do. do.	forty-three do.	3243
James Torbert	do. do.	fifty-one do.	3251
George Smith	do. do.	forty do.	3240

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And we do further certify that the said William S. Perot, Alexander Ferguson, Jos. T. Mather, James Andrews, John Lindsay, William V. Anderson, James Rowland, John S. Warner, Timothy Caldwell, Henry Sailor, Dr. Caleb B. Mathews, James Crissy, James Huchinson, Wm. Rawle, Isaac Otis, Benjamin M. Hinchman, Alexander M'Causland, John Thomason, Richard Price and Frederick Fraley had the highest number of votes polled for Common Council men as aforesaid, and we do hereby declare them to have been elected the Common Council of the city of Philadelphia.

In testimony whereof, we the said judges, have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

J. R. Wilson,	[L.s.]	Joseph Price, Jr.	[L.s.]
W. W. Thackara,	[L.s.]	Mark M. Reeve,	[L.s.]
Samuel Norris,	[L.s.]	W. Morris,	[L.s.]
Wm. Abbott,	[L.s.]	Wm. A. Peddle,	[L.s.]

And then the said gentlemen so declared in and by the foregoing return to be duly elected did proceed to examine the same, and judge and determine therein. And then and there the said Common Council so elected and returned did approve of the election of the said

William V. Anderson,	Caleb B. Mathews, M. D.
James Andrews,	Alexander M'Causland,
Timothy Caldwell,	Isaac Otis,
James Crissy,	William S. Perot,
Alexander Ferguson,	Richard Price,
Frederick Fraley,	William Rawle,
Benj. M. Hinchman,	James Rowland,
James Huchinson,	Henry Sailor,
John Lindsay,	John Thomason,
Joseph T. Mather,	John S. Warner,

Each as Common Council man.

On motion of Mr. Warner,

Messrs. Warner and Price were appointed a committee to wait upon the mayor, and request him to attend in the council chamber to administer the oaths of office to the members.

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After a short time the mayor was introduced into the chamber by the committee, and thereupon administered the oath or affirmation of office to each and every of the members elect. And he then withdrew, attended by the same committee.

Ordered, That Council now proceeded to the election of a President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Price and Warner tellers,

Who, having collected and counted the votes, declared that

WILLIAM RAWLE, Esq.,

having received nineteen votes, was duly elected President.

Mr. Rawle was then conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Price and Warner.

Ordered, That Council proceed to the election of a Clerk.

Whereupon the same tellers were appointed, who, after collecting and counting the votes, reported to the President, who declared that

LEVI HOLLINGSWORTH,

having received twenty votes, was duly elected Clerk.

Ordered, That Council proceed to the election of a Messenger and Printer,

Whereupon the votes were collected, counted, and reported to the President, who declared that

WILLIAM DAUGHERTY was elected Messenger, and

LYDIA R. BAILEY, Printer.

A Message from Select Council

Informed that they had organized themselves, and elected

William M. Meredith,	-	-	-	President,
Joseph G. Clarkson,	-	-	-	Clerk,
William Daugherty,	-	-	-	Messenger,
Lydia R. Bailey,	-	-	-	Printer.

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Stating further, that Select Council had passed a resolution to meet on Tuesday next, October 18th, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Mayor.

Common Council concurred.

The President announced his appointment of members to serve on the several Joint Standing Committees of Councils.

Watering Committee.—Frederick Fraley, John S. Warner, Benjamin M. Hinchman, James Hutchinson.

Committee on Finance.—Frederick Fraley, James Rowland, Alexander Ferguson, James Crissy.

Committee on Police.—Benjamin M. Hinchman, Henry Sailor, James Crissy, Alexander Ferguson.

Committee on Public Highways.—James Hutchinson, John Thomason, Timothy Caldwell, Joseph T. Mather.

Committee on Cleansing the City.—James Andrews, Dr. Caleb B. Mathews, John Lindsay, Alexander M'Causland.

Committee on City Property.—Richard Price, William S. Perot, William V. Anderson, James Andrews.

Committee on Legacies and Trusts.—John Thomason, Dr. Caleb B. Mathews, Alexander M'Causland, John Lindsay.

Commissioners of the Girard Estates.—Richard Price, James Rowland, Joseph T. Mather, William S. Perot.

Building Committee of the Girard College.—Isaac Otis, Henry Sailor, John S. Warner, William V. Anderson.

Another message from Select Council informed

That they had appointed the following members to serve upon the Joint Standing Committees of Councils.

1. *Watering.*—Messrs. Wetherill, Lewis, McCredy, Dunlap.

2. *Finance.*—Lewis, Williams, Roach, Tiers.

3. *Police.*—Wetherill, Wiegand, Roach, Elliott.

4. *Highways.*—Keating, Wiegand, Dunlap, Tiers.

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5. *Cleansing the City*.—McCredy, Wiegand, Chandler, Elliott.

6. *City Property*.—Chandler, Roach, Williams, Keating.

7. *Legacies and Trusts*.—Keating, Williams, Wetherill, Tiers.

8. *Girard Estates*.—Lewis, Chandler, Wetherill, Dunlap.

9. *Building Committee*.—McCredy, Wiegand, Elliott, Tiers.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the rules and regulations which were in use by the late Councils be adopted for the government of the present Councils—

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when it passed.

On motion, adjourned.

TUESDAY, October 18, 1836.

Council met this day at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the city, pursuant to act of Assembly: Present,

Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Otis,
Caldwell,	Perot,
Crissy,	Price,
Ferguson,	Rawle,
Fraley,	Rowland,
Hinchman,	Sailor,
Huchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.
Mathews,	

Mr. Fraley made a motion,

That the Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive Select Council in convention, to elect a Mayor of the city for the ensuing year.

TUESDAY, October 18, 1836.

The President, Clerk, and members of the Select Council entered, and, being seated,

The President of the Select Council stated the object of the convention, and requested the clerks to call over the names of the members; who, having done so, reported that

Joseph R. Chandler	had voted for	John Swift.
Thomas Dunlap	do.	do.
Isaac Elliott	do.	do.
William H. Keating	do.	do.
Lawrence Lewis	do.	do.
Dennis McCredy	do.	do.
William M. Meredith	do.	do.
Isaac Roach	do.	do.
John Wiegand	do.	do.

Of the Common Council,

Anderson	had voted for	John Swift.
Andrews	do.	do.
Caldwell	do.	do.
Crissy	do.	do.
Ferguson	do.	do.
Fraley	do.	do.
Hinchman	do.	do.
Huchinson	do.	do.
Lindsay	do.	do.
Mathews	do.	do.
McCausland	do.	do.
Otis	do.	do.
Perot	do.	do.
Price	do.	do.
Rawle	do.	do.
Rowland	do.	do.
Sailor	do.	do.
Thomason	do.	do.
Warner	do.	do.

So that John Swift had twenty-eight votes, and it was declared by the President of the Select Council, that

JOHN SWIFT

was unanimously elected Mayor of the city for one year.

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On motion of Mr. Warner,

Messrs. Warner and Elliott were appointed a committee to wait upon the Mayor elect and request his attendance in the Common Council chamber.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,

Messrs. Fraley and Lewis were appointed a committee to wait upon the Recorder of the city and request his attendance for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Mayor.

Whereupon the two committees retired, and shortly after returned, accompanied by the Recorder and the Mayor elect, to whom the President of the Select Council communicated his election.

After which, the Recorder duly administered the oath of office, which the Mayor took and subscribed, and then withdrew, attended by the same committee.—The convention was then dissolved, and the Select Council withdrew.

The President then appointed Messrs. Rowland, Fraley and Sailor, a committee to report upon the unfinished business of the last Council.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 27, 1836.

Council met.

Present Messrs. Anderson,	Mather,
Andrews,	Mathews,
Caldwell,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Huchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Warner.

The President laid before Council, a communication from Dr. R. E. Griffith, tendering his resignation as a Trustee of the Girard College for Orphans. Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, accepted.

Also, a communication from Dr. R. M. Huston, enclosing a Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, on the 14th instant, stating that the Gas Works are now in operation, to the full extent of the capital authorized by the existing ordinances. And that it is not in their power to increase their contracts for a supply of Gas, without a further increase of the Capital Stock, stating further that the consumption of Gas is nearly forty thousand feet per night, and that applications for it, are daily and rapidly increasing, which was read, and referred to the

Committee on Finance.

Mr. Price presented a Petition from the City Commissioners and City Clerk, asking for an increase of Salary,

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fraley, a Petition from Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director of the United States Mint, praying permission to run a small brick culvert, instead of an iron pipe, from the mint into the public sewer, to carry off water from the premises. Referred to the

Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Perot, a Petition from the Hibernia Fire Company asking Councils for a Location for a House, they being obliged to vacate their present situation.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

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Mr. Otis, a petition from Catharine Stafford, asking permission to lay an iron pipe from her premises, to the public sewer, for the purpose of carrying off culinary water.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland, from the Committee on the unfinished business of the last Council, made the following

REPORT:

The Special Committee on unfinished business, having examined the Journal of the preceding Council, report the following items which appear to claim the attention of this Council, to wit :

1. Petition of owners and occupiers of property, on Decatur street, requesting the removal of market carts, &c., from said street.
[Presented September 8th.]
2. Remonstrance against the same.
[Presented September 22d.]
3. Petition for paving Harrison street.
[Presented October 6th.]
4. Petition of Wm. Platt and others, for a new regulation of Water street below Mulberry.
[Presented October 6th.]
5. Petition of Thomas Fisher, for an opening into the Dock street Sewer.
[Presented October 6th.]
6. Petition for paving Walnut street between Dock and Third streets with wood.
[Presented September 22d.]
7. Petition for paving Murray street.
[Presented September 22d.]
8. Petition for paving Lewis street.
[Presented August 11th.]

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9. A Resolution of Councils relating to setting and resetting curb stones.

[From Select Council.]

10. Petition of the Germantown and Norristown Rail Road Company, for permission to lay a Rail Road in Ninth street.
[Presented July 28th.]

11. Remonstrance against the same.

[Presented August 11th.]

12. Petition of sundry persons, lately selling shoes in the old market, praying for Stands, as heretofore.
[Presented October 6th.]

All of which the Committee recommend should be referred to the appropriate Committees.

October 27, 1836.

Signed JAMES ROLAND,
F. FRALEY.

Mr. Rowland made a motion,

That the first and second items, in the foregoing report be
Referred to the Committee on Police.

That the items from the third to the eleventh inclusive be
Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

And the twelfth item to the
Committee on City Property.

And the items were so referred.

Mr. Huchinson from the Committee on Public Highways, reported a Bill "Entitled a Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation, therefor."

Which was read.

On motion of

Mr. Huchinson, Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

The first section was then agreed to,

Second section was agreed to,

The Title was agreed to, and

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The Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading. It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Fraley offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways, be directed to Report the extent to which Delaware Avenue has been opened according to the Will of the late Stephen Girard; and what are the nature of the obstructions either by building or otherwise, that are necessary to be removed, before the said Avenue can be completed from Vine to Ceder street, with an estimate of the expense thereof,

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

Mr. Mather, moved to amend by striking out the words "with an estimate of the expense thereof,"

Which was agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was then read a second time,

When it passed.

A message from Select Council,

Informed that they had concurred in a Bill received from this Council, this evening entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor."

Stating further,

That they had also concurred in the Resolution, respecting Delaware Avenue.

And then Council adjourned.

MONDAY, November 7, 1836.

Council met at four P. M. to elect Inspectors of the Prison.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	M'Causland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Thomason.
Matthews,	

The Select Council were then announced, and the Convention organised.

The object of the Convention being stated by the President,

Messrs. Lewis of the Select and Hinchman of the Common Council, were appointed Tellers, who having counted the votes, reported that twenty-two had been received, of which,

James Hutchinson	had	22
Thomas Harper	had	22
Charles Stout	had	10
Tobias Huber	had	9
Abraham Garagues	had	3

James Hutchinson and Thomas Harper having received the highest number of votes, were declared to be duly elected. The Convention then proceeded to a second ballot for the third Inspector, upon which the votes were collected, and the Tellers reported that twenty-two had again been received, of which,

Tobias Huber	had received	12
And Charles Stout	“ “	10

Whereupon the President declared that Tobias Huber, having received the highest vote, was duly elected.

The Convention was then dissolved, and the Select Council withdrew.

MONDAY, November 7, 1836.

A message from Select Council informed that they have referred an item of unfinished business respecting the poor laws, [see Journal of Select Council, 1835, p. 37,] to the same special Committee heretofore having it in charge.

Read and laid on the table.

Stating, also, that they had passed the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the Clerks of the Select and Common Councils be instructed to prepare and print, an Index to their respective Journals and pamphlet Ordinances, and to cause the Journals and Indexes to be bound for the use of the members, under the direction of the Committee of Finance, who are authorised to make suitable compensation for such service.”

Which was also read and laid on the table.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 10, 1836.

Council met.

Present Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.
Mather,	

The President

Laid before Council a communication from the Wardens of the Port, relative to the situation of the stop, or Wharf, lately sunk across the dock from near Mulberry street, on the Delaware, to the late Amos Taylor's Wharf. Which was read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Also,

A communication from Dr. James Mease, relative to the manner of trimming the trees in the public Squares. Which was read and

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley

Presented a petition from Robert M. Lewis, requesting permission to lay a pipe from house No. 266 Walnut street, into the Sewer in front of the same, for the purpose of carrying off the waste water from said house.

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Also,

A communication from Dr. Plantou, (accompanied with sundry documents,) in relation to the improvement of Rail Roads, and Rail Road Cars.

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Price

A petition from Farmers and Citizens from various parts of this Commonwealth, praying for the use of Decatur street as a stand for their wagons.

Laid on the table.

THURSDAY, November 10, 1836.

Mr. Caldwell

A remonstrance against the same, signed by the Draymen of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McCausland

A communication from the property holders in Gaskell street, between Third and Fourth streets, asking the attention of Councils to the curbing and gutters in that square.

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hutchinson

A petition from the residents and owners of property in the vicinity of the city Stables, situated between Schuylkill Sixth and Seventh streets, fronting on Barker street; stating that the said Stables have become a great annoyance and nuisance, and requesting their removal to some more remote part of the city, where the population is less dense, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Cleansing the City.

Mr. Fraley,

From the Committee on Finance, made a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled, "An Ordinance for the extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

Which was read and ordered to be printed.

Accompanied also, with another bill, "Entitled an Ordinance, fixing the compensation of the City Commissioners and City Clerk.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson,

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, accompanied with a bill, "Entitled an Ordinance to permit the Director of the United States Mint to construct a Culvert, and make an opening into the common Sewer in Juniper street."

Which was read.

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On motion of

Mr. Hutchinson, Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section was then agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and passed a bill thereto annexed, entitled, "An Ordinance relative to the Hall of Independence," and requesting concurrence.

Stating, further,

That they had received a report from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, which they transmitted for the information of this Council.

Vide Appendix of Select Council, No. 3.

Mr. Hinchman,

From the Committee on Police, made a report, accompanied with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance, to repeal certain Ordinances relating to Market wagons and carts in Decatur street."

Which was read.

On motion of

Mr. Hinchman, Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of a bill received this evening, from Select Council, entitled, "An Ordinance relative to the Hall of Independence."

Which was read.

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On motion, Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

Mr. Price moved to amend by striking out at the end of the section, the words "without permission therefor being previously obtained from the Councils."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

So Common Council concurred with an amendment.

In which amendment, a message from Select Council informed they non-concurred.

Whereupon Mr. Price, moved that Common Council adhere to their amendment.

Which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,

Council proceeded to the consideration of a message received from Select Council on the 7th of November, relative to the poor laws, (vide page 14,) in which they concurred, and Messrs. Fraley and Rowland were appointed on the joint special Committee.

Council then went into the consideration of a resolution received from the Select Council on the 7th of November last, relative to the printing of an index to the Journals and pamphlet Ordinances, see page 14.

The question being on agreeing to the same,

Mr. Price

Moved an amendment, that all after the word "Finance" be stricken out.

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was then passed.

Select Council concurred.

And then Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 24, 1836.

Council met.

Present Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.

Mr. Rowland—

Presented a memorial from the Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, calling the attention of Councils to Lagrange Place, (late Fromberger's Court.) Which was read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Mather—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, accompanied with a bill, (see Appendix No. 2,) entitled, "An Ordinance, authorising R. M. Lewis to make an opening into the public Sewer in Walnut street.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Mather,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of a bill reported on the 10th ultimo, by the Committee on Finance, entitled, "An Ordinance for the extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

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The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend the same by inserting after the word “certificates,” in the seventh line, the following, “transferable at Philadelphia Gas Works.”

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was then agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section being under consideration,

Mr. Hinchman—

Moved to postpone the same for the purpose of introducing the following as the third section, “And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three hundred public Lamps, in addition to those mentioned in the fifth section of the Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works, passed March 21st, 1835, shall be supplied with Gas at one half of the price paid by private consumers, the fixtures and meters therefor to be provided by the city: *Provided*, That the price paid for Gas supplied to said Lamps, shall not exceed the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents for one thousand cubic feet, and that the said Lamps shall be erected under the direction of the Committee on Police, or as may be hereafter provided by Councils.”

Which was agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

The third section, postponed as above, was then taken up, when

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend the same by striking out the figure “3” in the first line, and inserting “4,” and also to add after the word “works” in the eighth line, the following: “*Provided*, That the Select and Common Councils, or either of them, shall be authorised by any Committee they may designate for that purpose, to examine all the books, accounts and papers relating to the said Works, which may at any time be in the possession of the said Trustees, or any of their officers or agents.”

Which amendments were agreed to.

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And the fourth section as amended, was then agreed to.

The fourth sec. (5th,) being under consideration,

Mr. Fraley,—

Moved to amend by striking out in the first line, the figure “4,” and inserting “5,” and also to add thereto after “delphia,” in the fifth line, “within thirty days from the first day of December next; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair or in any way affect the right of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia, to take possession of the said Works, agreeably to the second section of the Ordinance for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works, passed March 21st, 1835.

Which were agreed to.

And the section as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Fraley—

Then moved a reconsideration of the first section, which being agreed to,

He moved to amend by striking out the words “transferable at Philadelphia Gas Works,” in the seventh line, and adding after the word “lenders,” in the eighth line, the following, “which certificates shall be transferable only at the office of the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended, was then agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time by sections.

When it passed.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in a bill passed by Common Council on the 10th ultimo, entitled, “An Ordinance to repeal certain Ordinances relating to Market wagons and carts in Decatur street.”

Stating, further,—

That they had received a report from the Committee on Cleansing the City, (to whom was referred the memorial of the residents and owners of property in the vicinity of the City

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Stables, fronting on Barker street,) and passed the following resolution thereunto annexed.

Resolved, That they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Common Council concurred.

Informing, also,—

That they had received a petition from the Trustees of the First Baptist Church, asking for the repaving of Lagrange Place, and had referred it to the Committee on Public Highways, with power to act.

Common Council non-concurred in so much of the reference as gave the Committee power to act.

The message—

Further informed, that they had receded from their non-concurrence in the amendmeni of Common Council to their bill relative to the Hall of Independence; and that they had elected

Robert Fleming,
Dr. Joseph Parrish,
Ephraim Haines,

Managers of the Wills Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Price,—

Council then proceeded to the election of three Managers of Wills Hospital.

The President appointed

Messrs. Otis,
McCausland,

Tellers, who having counted the votes, reported that seventeen had been received, of which,

Wm. T. Smith	had	17
James Poultney	"	15
Benneville Brown	"	13
John Gilder	"	6

Whereupon Messrs. Wm. T. Smith, James Poultney, and Benneville Brown were declared to be duly elected.

And then Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 8, 1836.

Council met.

Present Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Thomason,
	Warner.

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from the City Commissioners, stating the number of permits granted during the present year, for the placing of building materials for the erection of new houses within the city of Philadelphia, with a description of the buildings erected, &c. (See Appendix, No. 3.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Price—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens, praying that the north side of Carpenter, and the east side of Seventh, from Carpenter to High streets, be appropriated as a Stand for Market wagons.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,—

A petition from the members of the Assistance Fire Company, asking Councils to provide them with a location for their Apparatus.

Referred to the Committee on City Property

Mr. Thomason—

Presented petitions for an increase of pay from

The City Watch,

The Clerks of High street Market,

And the Superintendents for Cleansing the City.

Which were severally read

And laid on the table.

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Mr. Hinchman—

A petition from the Collectors of the City Tax, asking for an increase of commissions.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fraley—

From the Committee on Finance, made a report (vide Appendix, No. 4,) on appropriations to Committees, &c., accompanied with the following resolution.

“*Resolved*, That the City Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorised and required to transfer the sum of eight thousand dollars, appropriated March 10, 1836, for expenditures by special Committees and not used for that purpose; and the further sum of nine thousand dollars out of the receipts into the Treasury, for the year 1836, to the credit of the following Committees, to enable them to comply with the engagements of the Corporation, viz:

To the Committee on Public Highways, five thousand dollars.

To the Committee on Police, six thousand dollars.

To the Committee on Cleansing the City, six thousand dollars.”

And also a bill, entitled “An Ordinance to abolish the offices of Corder and Receiver, and deputy Corder and Receiver of Wood on the Delaware river.

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

Council then went into the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

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A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in a bill from Common Council, entitled, “An Ordinance for the extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works,”—with amendments, viz: by adding after the word “stockholders,” in the 11th line of the 2d section, the following: “*Provided*, that if the said Trustees do not, at the period fixed for the repayment of the said loan, pay off and discharge the same, so that the city shall have to provide the fund for the repayment thereof, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia shall be authorised to enter upon and take possession of the Gas Works, Pipes, and Fixtures for their own use and benefit.”

And by adding to the 5th section as follows: “converting the old stock into a loan, under the provisions of the 2d section of the Ordinance of the 21st of March, 1835, and assuming absolutely the payment of the principal and interest of the loan hereby authorised.”

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendments—when,

On motion of the same Gentleman—

They concurred in the amendment of the 2d section, with an amendment, viz: by striking out all after the word “thereof,” and inserting the following:

“Then the said Trustees shall, before any dividend is made to the Stockholders, set apart out of the receipts from the said Works, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars per annum, to be paid on the first day of July, annually, into the City Treasury, until the amount so paid by the City on account of the principal and interest of said oan, and of the sums of money paid by the said City for the redemption or repayment thereof, (the interest on such repayments to be computed at five per cent. per annum,) shall be fully reimbursed.”

The amendment to 5th section

Was then concurred in.

Mr. Thomason—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitions presented this evening from sundry officers of the Corporation, asking for an increase of salary, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to inquire into the subject of compensation allowed to all

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the officers of the Corporation, and report an Ordinance to consolidate the several Ordinances now in force on that subject, fixing therein such allowance of pay to each as they may deem proper.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Thomason—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was disagreed to.

Mr. Thomason—

Then moved that the petitions from the City Watch, and Clerks of the High street Market be

Referred to the Committee on Police.

And that the memorial from the Superintendents for Cleansing the streets, be

Referred to the Committee on Cleansing the City.

And they were so referred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they non-concurred in the amendment of this Council to the 2d section of the bill for the extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and had appointed

Messrs. Williams and

Dunlap

On a Committee of Conference.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Fraley,

Messrs. Fraley and

Rowland

Were appointed on said Committee on behalf of this Council.

And then Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 13, 1836.

Council met to elect Directors of the Poor Tax.

resent, Messrs. Andrews,	M'Causland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Fraley,	Perot,
Hinchman,	Price,
Lindsay,	Rawle,
Mather,	Rowland,
Matthews,	Thomason.
	Warner.

The Select Council were then announced; being seated, the President stated the object of the Convention to be for the purpose of electing Directors of the Poor Tax, under the Act of March 5, 1828.

Messrs. Roach of the Select, and
Otis of the Common Council,

Were appointed Tellers, who having received and counted the votes, reported that

Henry J. Williams	had received	22	votes,
Frederick Fraley	" "	19	"
John Weigand	" "	18	"
Joseph T. Mather	" "	17	"
William S. Perot	" "	13	"
Isaac Roach	" "	12	"
Richard Price	" "	8	"
Wm. H. Keating	" "	8	"

The rest scattering

Whereupon, Messrs H. J. Williams,
Frederick Fraley,
John Weigand,
Joseph T. Mather,
William S. Perot,
Isaac Roach,

Were declared to be duly elected Directors of the Poor Tax for the ensuing year.

The Convention was then dissolved, Select Council withdrew,

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 22, 1836.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Crissey,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.
Mather,	

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from the Wardens of the Port, relative to a sloop sunk in the Delaware, and also in relation to the Wharf adjoining Mulberry street Wharf, south, stating that said Wharf had slid eighteen feet further into the river since their communication on the 7th of November last, and asking that measures may be taken to have it removed. Which was read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Also,—

A petition from the Butchers occupying Stalls in High street Shambles, between Seventh and Third streets, praying that an Ordinance may be passed reducing the present rents.

Read and referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Thomason—

Presented a petition from the Butchers renting Stalls in the High street Market, betwixt Second and Third streets, suggesting to Councils a plan for the new Market Houses to be erected between those streets.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hutchinson,—

A memorial from sundry citizens residing in the neighbourhood, praying that Schuylkill Seventh, from Locust to Pine street, may be paved early in the ensuing spring, and suggesting the propriety of laying iron pipes in the said Seventh street, as also in a new street, called Ritner street, running east and west from the said Seventh street, immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Perot—

A petition from the members of the German Reformed Church, soliciting an appropriation to remunerate them for the

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loss of that portion of Franklin Square heretofore used by them as a place of sepulture.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley,—

A memorial signed by Henry M. Zollicoffer and others, a Committee appointed at a meeting of citizens at Carbin's Hotel, on the evening of the 10th of November last, setting forth that they are about renewing their exertions in relation to the establishment of the William Penn Market, and praying Councils to pass a resolution approbatory of the measure, and sanctioning their application to the Legislature.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Otis—

From the Building Committee of Girard College, made a report, (vide Appendix, No. 5,) accompanied with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance, making an appropriation for the building of the Girard College for Orphans."

Which was read.

Mr. Otis—

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, to whom was referred at the last meeting of Councils, the petition of the City Watch, asking for an increase of wages, made a report, (see Appendix, No. 6,) accompanied with the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the same Committee, to whom was also referred a petition from the Clerks of the High street Market, praying for an increase of salary, reported unfavourably to the prayer of the petitioners, (vide Appendix, No. 7,) accompanied with a resolution, to wit:

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Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the same Committee, to whom was also referred at the last meeting, a memorial from sundry citizens, praying that the north side of Carpenter street may be appropriated as a stand for Market wagons, made a report (see Appendix, No. 8,) adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley—

From the Committee on Finance, made a report, (see Appendix, No. 9,) accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, be authorised to allow the unpaid balance (say one hundred and ninety-four dollars,) on the duplicate for taxes for the year 1832, for New Market and Pine Wards, and placed in the hands of the late Samuel Reed, for collection as the same now stands on the books of the City Treasurer.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Price—

In his place, read a bill, entitled “An Ordinance relating to Market Houses.” (See Appendix, No. 10.)

And on motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

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The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Mr. Fraley—

On leave, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Building Committee of the Girard College have stated that the appropriation for the erection of said College is nearly exhausted, and the income of the College fund being now insufficient to permit an appropriation therefrom. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Girard Estate be directed to report in what manner it is expedient to provide the necessary fund for the rapid completion of said College.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a report (see Minutes of Select Council of this day,) from the Committee of Conference appointed at the last meeting, on the bill in relation to the Philadelphia Gas Works, and had agreed to the report.

Stating, further,—

That they have passed a preamble and resolutions respecting a proposed Canal on the west side of the Schuylkill.

On motion of Mr. Fraley—

Council proceeded to the consideration of the message from Select Council, and concurred in the bill from the Committee on Conference, entitled “An Ordinance for the extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

And, also,—

In the preamble and resolutions respecting the Canal on the west side of Schuylkill.

And then Council adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hutchinson,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Sailor,
Matthews,	Thomason.

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from Mr. Cornelius Stevenson, praying to be re-elected City Treasurer, and offering as his sureties, Mr. George Troutman and Mr. Jacob Alter.

Also,—

A communication from Benjamin Jones, Jr., praying to be re-appointed Treasurer of the Girard Trust, and offering as his sureties, Messrs. Jonathan Leedom and Richard Garwood.

Also,—

A communication from Charles Johnson, Sen., soliciting a re-appointment as Agent for the Girard Estates.

Which were severally read

And laid on the table

Mr. Price—

Submitted for the information of Council, a correct list of the Directors of the Public Schools.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens, setting forth that the eastern front of Water street, between High and Mulberry, is now set back according to the new regulation, excepting the north-east corner of Water and Market street, and praying Councils to pass an Ordinance, directing the removal of the same.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. McCausland—

A memorial from sundry citizens, owners of property in the southern section of the city, representing that they had petitioned the Legislature to cause Lombard street to be widened on the north side, between Fifth and Seventh streets, for the

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accommodation of a Market House, to be entitled, "the Lombard street Market House," and soliciting the approbation of Councils to the measure.

Read and referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Perot—

A petition from sundry citizens, setting forth the want of suitable accommodations for the Courts, the insecurity of the public offices, &c. and praying Council to commence the erection of a City Hall in one angle of Centre Square without delay; and to appropriate the others, respectively, to a Court House and other houses for public affairs, to be erected as soon as conveniently practicable.

Mr. Otis—

One of similar import.

Which were read and referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley—

From the Committee on Finance, made a report, (see Appendix, No. 11,) with an estimate of the amount required to defray the expenses of that department, for the present year.

Mr. Otis—

From the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans, submitted a report, accompanied with the report of the Architect. (See Appendix, No. 12.)

Mr. Thomason—

From the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, presented a report, (Appendix, No. 13,) stating the amount that will be required for distribution amongst the Fire Companies during the present year.

Which were severally read and ordered to be transmitted to the Select Council for their information.

Mr. Price—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils will, this evening, assemble in joint meeting, for the purpose of electing

A Treasurer of the City,

A Treasurer of the Girard Fund,

An Agent of the Girard Estates,

And thirty-six Directors of Public Schools.

Which was read.

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On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Ordered, That Select Council be informed that this Council is now ready to receive them in joint meeting, for the purpose of electing a City Treasurer, a Treasurer of the Girard Fund, an Agent of the Girard Estates, and thirty-six Directors of Public Schools.

And the President, Clerk and Members of the Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a City Treasurer, *viva-voce*.

When, of the Select Council,

Messrs. Chandler, Dunlap, Elliott, Keating, Lewis, McCredy, Meredith, Roach, Wetherill, Wiegand and Williams,

Voted for Cornelius Stevenson.

And of the Common Council,

Messrs. Anderson, Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Hutchinson, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, McCausland, Otis, Perot, Price, Rawle, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,

Voted for Cornelius Stevenson.

Whereupon, Cornelius Stevenson was declared to be duly elected City Treasurer.

The Convention then proceeded to elect, *viva-voce*, a Treasurer of the Girard Fund.

When the same members of the Select Council, and the same members of Common Council, voted for Benjamin Jones, Jr.

Whereupon, Benjamin Jones, Jr. was declared to be duly elected Treasurer of the Girard Fund.

The Convention then proceeded to elect, *viva-voce*, an Agent of the Girard Estates.

When the same members of the Select Council, and the same members of Common Council, voted for Charles Johnson, Sen.

Whereupon, Charles Johnson, Sen. was declared to be duly elected Agent of the Girard Estates.

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The Convention then proceeded to elect, by *ballot*, thirty-six Directors of the Public Schools.

Mr. Lewis of the Select, and Mr. Crissy of Common Council, were appointed Tellers; who, having collected and counted the votes, reported that twenty-six had been received, and that the following named persons had each received a majority thereof:

Thomas Dunlap,	James Poultney,
Thomas G. Hollingsworth,	Henry Lelar, Jr.
George M. Wharton,	George Abbott,
George Thomas,	Mordecai L. Dawson,
Richard Price,	Abraham Ritter,
Henry M. Zollickoffer,	Dr. Fred. Turnpenny,
James Carstairs,	Samuel C. Cooper,
William Wharton,	Robert Earp,
John Thomason,	George Emlen, Jr.
James J. Barklay,	Isaac Barton,
Dillwyn Parrish,	Levi Hollingsworth,
William Vogdes,	Charles S. Smith,
Samuel English,	John Rutherford, Jr.
James C. Donnell,	George Sharswood,
William Abbott,	James M. Jackson,
Cornelius S. Smith,	Dr. James J. Porter,
William Biddle,	Samuel R. Kramer,
William P. Smith,	Frederick W. Mayer.

Whereupon, the said persons were declared to be duly elected Directors of the Public Schools.

The Convention was then dissolved, and Select Council withdrew.

Mr. Price—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That George Troutman and Jacob Alter be accepted as sureties of Cornelius Stevenson.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

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Mr. Price—

Offered another resolution:

Resolved, That Jonathan Leedom and Richard Garwood be accepted as sureties of Benjamin Jones, Jr. as Treasurer of the Girard Fund.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had passed a bill, to wit:

“An Ordinance making an appropriation from the income of the Girard Estates, for the year 1837, and for other purposes.” (See Appendix to Select Council, No. 9.)

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section was then agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

So Common Council concurred.

The message further informed—

That Select Council had passed another bill, to wit:

“An Ordinance making an appropriation from the Girard Estate, for the pay of the City Police.” (See Appendix to Select Council, No. 10.)

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

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The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and

The bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was, then, by special order, read a third time,
And passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had passed a resolution,
to wit:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be instructed to present to the City Library, and to the Athenæum, two copies of the Journals of Councils for the years 1835-6.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating further—

That they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, respecting the William Penn Market Company, (Appendix to Select Council, No. 7,) and had passed the resolutions thereto annexed, to wit:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia approve of the provisions of a bill now before the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to incorporate the William Penn Market Company, and for other purposes," as tending to abate an existing evil, and to promote public convenience without an increase of expenditure.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the report be furnished to the Memorialists.

Which were read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When they were agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be instructed to

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inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, the use of Sledges, by boys, in the streets.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was disagreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Stating, also—

That they had passed another resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to forward to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, a copy of the annual report of the Girard Estates, together with a concise statement of the funds thereof; also, the report of the Building Committee, accompanied with the report of the Architect.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating further—

That Select Council had received a report from the Committee on Cleansing the City, (to whom was referred the petition of the Superintendents for Cleansing the Streets,) and had passed the resolution thereto annexed, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating further—

That they had received a report (see Appendix of Select Council, No. 6,) from the Managers of the Wills Hospital—which they transmit for the information of this Council.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

The reading of the report was dispensed with,

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 12, 1837.

Council met, having been specially called together for the purpose of making an appropriation for the building of the Girard College for Orphans.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	M'Causland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraleay,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Sailor,
Mather,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Rowland was called to the Chair.

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from the President of the Board of Guardians for the relief and employment of the Poor, enclosing the remonstrance of that Board to the Legislature, against a repeal of that provision of the Poor Laws which prohibits the granting of out-door relief to the Poor of this District.

Which was read.

And laid on the table.

Mr. Mather—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens, recommending the erection of a City Hall on one of the Squares, at the intersection of Broad and High street, and suggesting when said Hall is completed, the removal of all the buildings on Independence Square, with the exception of Independence Hall.

Which was read and

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also—

A communication from the Board of Commissioners of the District of Spring Garden, relative to the adjustment of the matters in dispute between that Corporation and the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Otis—

Moved that Council now proceed to the second reading and consideration of a bill, reported by the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans, on the 22d of December last, (see page 29,) entitled

“An Ordinance, making an appropriation for the Building of the Girard College for Orphans.”

Which was ordered.

The first and only section was then read and agreed to.

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Mr. Fraley,—

Moved to add another section, to wit:

Sec. 2. Be it, &c. That for the purpose of supplying the said appropriation, the Mayor of the City be, and he is hereby authorised, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to sell at such times as they may direct, one thousand shares of the Capital Stock of the Bank of the United States, now constituting a part of the fund set apart for the erection of the said College. Which was read and adopted.

The title was then agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in the resolutions from this Council, approving of the securities of Cornelius Stevenson and Benjamin Jones, Jr.

Stating further—

That they concurred in the bill from this Council, making an appropriation for the Girard College for Orphans, with an amendment, to wit:

Strike out all in the second section, after the enacting clause, and insert, "That for the purpose of supplying the said appropriation, the Mayor of the City be, and he is hereby authorised, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, to sell at such times as they may direct, such stock or loans, now constituting a part of the fund set apart for constructing and maintaining the said College, as may be found necessary."

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment. When it was agreed to.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had passed a bill, to wit:
"An Ordinance relating to the Girard Estates."

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Price,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

So Common Council concurred.

And then they adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 19, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Thomason.
Lindsay,	Warner.
Matthews,	

The President—

Submitted a communication from the City Commissioners and City Clerk, enclosing printed statements of receipts and expenditures for the fourth quarter of the year 1836.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland—

Presented a petition from the Jersey Farmers, occupying Stalls in High street Market, between Seventh and Eighth streets, asking a reduction of Stall rents, &c.

Which was read and referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Otis—

A petition from sundry citizens, praying for the erection of a City Hall on one of the angles of Centre Square.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hutchinson—

A petition from citizens and residents in the vicinity, asking for the paving of Bond street, from Tenth to Eleventh streets.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Lindsay—

The petition of owners and occupiers of property in Lombard street, on the Schuylkill, front of the City, setting forth the great inconvenience they are under from the accumulation of water in their cellars, and praying Councils to cause a Culvert to be made from Bank street to the river.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 14,) with an estimate of the amount required by that Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police submitted a report, (Appendix, No. 15,) accompanied with an estimate of the

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amount required for the public service by that Committee, during the ensuing year.

Both of which reports were read and ordered to be transmitted to Select Council for their information.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 16,) entitled

“A Supplement to ‘An Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor.’”

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Price—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorized to remove so much of the Fish Market House in High street, as will cause the eastern part thereof to conform with the line of Delaware Avenue. Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Select Council concurred.

When it was agreed to.

Mr. Price—

Moved that Council proceed to the election of two Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works. Agreed to.

And the President appointed

Messrs. Crissy and

McCausland, Tellers,

Who having collected and counted the votes, reported that eighteen had been received, of which

F. Fraley had 18

Ephraim Haines 17

Scattering, 1

Whereupon Messrs. Fraley and Haines were declared to be duly elected Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

A message was received from Select Council, stating that Select Council had elected

Messrs. W. H. Keating and

Frederick Brown,

Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Which was read and laid on the table.

And then Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 26, 1837.

Council met, having been specially called together for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of Market Rents.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Otis,
Caldwell,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hutchinson,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Sailor,
Matthews,	Thomason,
M'Causland,	Warner.

Mr. Rowland—

Presented the petition of sundry Farmers, attending Market, praying Councils to appropriate North street, between Fifth and Sixth, as a stand for their Wagons.

Read and referred to Committee on Police.

Mr. Fraley,—

A petition from the Collectors of Vaccine cases, soliciting Councils to make their compensation definite.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,—

A petition from sundry citizens, recommending the erection of a City Hall on Penn Square.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Moved that Council now proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill relative to the opening of Delaware Avenue. (See page 42.)

Which was ordered.

The first section was then agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

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Mr. Fraley—

Offered the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee to consist of three members of each Council, be appointed to examine and report whether any, and if any, what measures it will be proper to adopt in regard to the assize and sale of Bread within the limits of the city of Philadelphia.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof. When,

Mr. Price—

Moved to to amend by striking out the words "A Joint Special Committee, to consist of three members of each Council be appointed," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "the Committee on Finance be instructed."

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Finance," and inserting "Police."

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was then

Disagreed to.

And the original resolution

Agreed to.

Whereupon, the President appointed on the Committee, on behalf of Common Council,

Messrs. Fraley,
Rowland,
Mather.

Select Council concurred, and appointed

Messrs. Wetherill,
Elliott,
Lewis.

Mr. Price—

On leave granted, read in his place, a bill, (see Appendix, No. 17,) entitled

"A further Ordinance for the management of the Girard College."

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

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The first section was then agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had passed a preamble and resolution, as follows:

Whereas, it is understood that a bill is now before the Legislature of this State, authorising the construction of a road or causeway across the channel or passage between the main land and League island, near the mouth of the river Schuylkill; and whereas, it is apprehended that such an obstruction would, under particular circumstances of the tide and wind, tend to produce serious injury to the meadows in that vicinity, in which the City, as Trustee of the Estate of the late Stephen Girard, has a deep interest. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, should they be satisfied that injury would result to the Girard meadows from carrying into effect the provisions of the bill authorising said causeway or road from the main land to League island, be, and they are hereby authorised to unite with the proprietors of other portions of the meadows in that vicinity, to remonstrate with the Legislature against the passage of any such law.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Another message—

Informed that they had received a communication from the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, (see Appendix of Select Council, No. 15,) and referred the same to a Joint Special Committee, of three members of each Council, and had appointed Messrs. Williams, Keating and Roach.

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Common Council concurred and appointed Messrs. Price, Andrews, and Hutchinson.

Stating further—

That Select Council had passed the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, That the Watering Committee be, and are hereby authorised to contract for a supply of iron pipes and building materials for the extension of the Water Works for the ensuing year, according to the estimates presented in their report, read January 19, 1837.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating further—

That they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, (Appendix to Select Council, No. 16,) with an estimate of the amount required by that department for the ensuing year, and which they transmit for the information of Common Council.

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Fraley—

On leave, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be directed to inquire whether the Police of the City would not be improved, and a more effectual observance of the Ordinances of the Corporation be obtained by the employment of the Ward Constables for those purposes.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland—

On leave granted, read in his place, a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance regulating the distribution and renting of Stalls in the Market Houses between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, in High street. (Appendix, No. 18.)

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Mr. Fraley—

Moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Which was lost.

Council then, on motion of Mr. Rowland, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

And the first section being read,

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following, viz:

That the Commissioner of City Property, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, is hereby authorised and required, in case any of the occupants of the Stalls appropriated for Victuallers or Butchers in the Market Houses in High street, west of Delaware Third street, shall decline taking the said Stalls for the ensuing year, on the terms and for the rent at which they now occupy the same, or shall neglect or refuse to pay the rent in advance therefor, on or before the first day of February next, to cause the choice of the Stalls so remaining unoccupied, to be sold at auction on leases for the term of five years from the said first day of February next, to such person or persons as shall offer the highest rent for the same, and subject to all the conditions of existing Ordinances for the regulating of the Market, and of such Ordinances as may hereafter be passed for that purpose; *Provided*, that no such Stall shall be rented for a less sum than forty dollars per annum.

The President—

Declared the amendment out of order, as coming under a rule of Council, which declares that “No amendment, which tends to destroy the general sense of the clause or motion, shall be admitted.”

An appeal being taken from this decision, the same was sustained.

Mr. Fraley—

Then moved to strike out all after the word “prices,” and insert “that the rent of Stalls rented to Butchers and Victuallers, be fixed at forty dollars per annum.”

Which was lost.

Mr. Fraley—

Offered another amendment, to-wit:

Strike out the words “Provided that no Stalls shall be leased for a less term than ten years.”

Which was lost.

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Mr. Price—

Moved to amend by striking out all that follows the scale of prices, beginning at the word "Provided," to the end of the section.

Which was not agreed to.

Council, on a division, being four in favour of the amendment, and eleven adverse to it;

And the question being about to be taken on the section, the ayes and nays were called for by Messrs. Fraley and Price, and were

Ayes,—Messrs. Andrews, Caldwell, Hutchinson, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, McCausland, Otis, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason, Warner,—13.

Nays,—Messrs. Fraley, Price, Rawle,—3.

So the first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading, when

Mr. Fraley—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Ordinances "regulating the distribution and renting of Stalls in the Market Houses, between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, in High street," be committed to the Committee on City Property, with instructions to report what rents are paid for Stalls by the Butchers or Victuallers in the Market Houses belonging to the District of the Northern Liberties, Penn Township, Kensington, Moyamensing and Southwark, and also what rents are paid for Stalls, similar in their character to those in the High street Markets, in the cities of New York, Baltimore and Boston.

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was then, by special order, read a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?"

The yeas and nays were called for, and were,

Ayes,—Messrs. Andrews, Caldwell, Hutchinson, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, McCausland, Otis, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason, Warner,—13.

Nays,—Messrs. Fraley, Price, Rawle,—3.

So the bill was passed.

And then Council adjourned.

MONDAY, January 30, 1857.

Council met, having been specially called together for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of Market Rents.

Present. Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Otis,
Caldwell,	Perot,
Crissy,	Price,
Ferguson,	Rawle,
Fraley,	Rowland,
Hinchman,	Sailor,
Hutchinson,	Thomason.
Lindsay,	Warner.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in a bill from this Council, (see page 30,) entitled

“An Ordinance relating to Market Houses.”

Stating further—

That they had received a report from the Joint Special Committee, (see Appendix to Select Council, No. 18,) to which was referred a communication from the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and transmit the same for the information of Common Council.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Stating also—

That they had passed a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the assent of the Stockholders of the Philadelphia Gas Works having been obtained on the terms provided in the Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance, for the extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works,” passed on the 22d day of December, 1836, the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, to carry the provisions of the said Ordinance into effect.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

MONDAY, January 30, 1837.

Mr. Thomason—

Submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That two copies of the last edition of the Digest of City Ordinances be presented to the Town Council of the Borough of Pottsville.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rowland—

It was ordered, That when Council adjourn, they will adjourn to meet to-morrow evening, at seven o'clock.

And then Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 31, 1837.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment, from last evening.

Present Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Otis,
Caldwell,	Perot,
Crissy,	Price,
Ferguson,	Rawle,
Fraley,	Rowland,
Hinchman,	Sailor,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.

Mr. Fraley—

On leave granted, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the practicability of keeping the Navigation of the River Delaware open throughout the year, and if they find that so desirable an object can be obtained, then to report upon the expediency of making an annual appropriation for that purpose.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

TUESDAY, January 31, 1837.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in a bill from this Council, (see page 46,) entitled “An Ordinance regulating the distribution and renting of Stalls in the Market Houses, between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, in High street,” with an amendment, to-wit, to strike out the words, “Provided that no Stalls shall be leased for a less term than ten years:” and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

“Provided that no reduction shall be made, unless the lessees shall consent that the duration of their leases respectively be reduced to one year, and that no new leases shall be made for more than one year, and that all leases be.”

On motion of Mr. Rowland—

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment. When,

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word “Provided,” and insert, “That no Stall shall be let at the said rates for more than one year from the first day of February, 1837, and that such of the present occupants as have leases for ten years from the said first day of February, 1837, shall first surrender and cancel the said leases.”

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred in the amendment with an amendment. In which amendment,

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council non-concurred, and had appointed

Messrs. Chandler and
Dunlap

On a Committee of Conference, with leave to sit immediately.

Common Council concurred, and appointed

Messrs. Fraley and
Rowland.

Mr. Price—

Read in his place, a bill, (Appendix, No. 19,) entitled
“An Ordinance regulating the transfers of Stock in the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

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On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and

The bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was, then, by special order, read a third time,
And passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that that Council had concurred in the resolution from Common Council (see page 50,) relative to the presentation of two copies of the Digest of the Ordinances, to the Town Council of Pottsville.

Stating also—

That they had received a report from the Committee of Conference, appointed this evening, on the bill regulating the distribution and renting of Stalls in the High street Market, and had agreed to the same, to-wit:

In lieu of the amendment of Common Council, insert the following:

“ Provided that no change shall be made in the rent of any Stall now held under lease for ten years, unless the holder thereof shall consent thereto, and shall also agree to surrender and cancel his said lease, and that all Stalls shall hereafter be let for one year.”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Warner—

Common Council concurred in the report.

So the bill was passed.

And then they adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 2, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.
Mather,	

Ordered—

That the Minutes of the 26th of January, (p. 47,) be corrected by stating that on an appeal being taken, the decision of the President was sustained.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents in the vicinity, praying that Clinton street, from Delaware Ninth to Tenth street, may be graded and paved.

Also,—

The petition of residents in Spruce street and other citizens, setting forth that said street, from Delaware Fifth to Ninth street, is out of repair, soliciting that the same may be repaved; and calling the attention of Councils to the necessity of a common Sewer in said street.

Which were read and
Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

On motion of Mr. Price,—

It was ordered that Council now proceed (under the Ordinance of January 26, 1837,) to the election of Trustees of the Girard College.

The President appointed

Messrs. Hutchinson and
Lindsay, Tellers.

Who having collected and counted the votes, reported that nineteen had been received, of which

Samuel V. Merrick	had	18	votes,
William W. Haley	“	17	“
Henry Troth	“	19	

As Trustees for three years.

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That J. Wilson Moore had 10 votes,
J. B. Ellison " 7 "
As Trustees for two years.

And that J. B. Ellison had 4 votes,
J. Wilson Moore " 6 "
C. W. Churchman " 6 "
Scattering, 3 "
As Trustees for one year.

Whereupon, Messrs. Samuel V. Merrick, William W. Haley and Henry Troth were declared to be duly elected Trustees of the Girard College for three years, and
J. Wilson Moore a Trustee for two years.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to a second ballot for a Trustee for one year.

The same Tellers were appointed, who having collected and counted the votes, reported

That John B. Ellison had 8 votes,
C. W. Churchman, " 6 "
Alva Mason " 3 "
George W. Blight " 2 "

Neither gentleman having received a majority of the whole, Council proceeded to a third ballot, when the Tellers reported that nineteen had again been received, of which

John B. Ellison had 12
C. W. Churchman " 4
George W. Blight " 3

Whereupon, John B. Ellison was declared to be duly elected a Trustee of the Girard College for the term of one year.*

Mr. Warner—

In his place, read a bill, (see Appendix, No. 20,) entitled "An Ordinance, providing for the Cleansing the foot pavements from Snow, Hail and Sleet."

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then read,
And disagreed to.
So the bill was lost.

* For a list of the Board as now constituted, with the term each gentleman has to serve, vide Appendix, No. 21.

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A message from Select Council—

Informed that that body had elected

Messrs. Nicholas Biddle,

Geo. B. Wood,

Thos. McEuen,

Trustees of the Girard College for three years.

Charles Chauncey,

A Trustee for two years.

And John K. Kane,

A Trustee for one year.

Which was read

And laid on the table.

And then Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 16, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.

Mr. Price—

Presented a petition, signed by a large number of eitizens, setting forth the obstruction of the Navigation of the Delaware during the winter, by the Ice, and soliciting Councils to appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Steam Ice Boat, &c.

Petitions of a similar import, were also presented by Messrs. Fraley, Ferguson, Warner, Hinchman, Lindsay and Hutchinson.

Which were read, and

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Referred to a joint Special Committee, to consist of five from each Council.

The President appointed on behalf of Common Council, Messrs. Fraley, Price, Anderson, Rowland and Hinchman.

Select Council concurred

And appointed Messrs. Chandler, Lewis, Dunlap, Roach and Wiegand.

Mr. Caldwell—

Presented a petition from the Western Hose Company, soliciting aid, &c.

Read and referred to Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Mr. Hutchinson—

A petition from sundry citizens in the Western part of the City, praying Councils to reduce the rent of the Stalls in the Western Market.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Crissy—

A petition for a Culvert in Minor street.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

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Mr. Perot—

A memorial from the Butchers occupying Stalls in High street Market, between Second and Third streets, remonstrating against the alteration contemplated in the Market House between said streets.

Referred to Committee on City Property,

With instructions to report at next stated meeting.

Mr. Fraley,—

A memorial, asking a favourable expression of opinion from Councils in behalf of the Williamsport and Erie Rail Road.

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Price—

A petition for the erection of a City Hall on one of the angles of Penn Square.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, (to whom was referred the subject of setting and resetting curb stones,) made a report (Appendix, No. 22,) accompanied with the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to ask the Legislature for such an alteration in the Act of March 25th, 1805, entitled, “An Act for the better regulation of the City of Philadelphia, &c.” as will place the setting and resetting of curb stones within the City of Philadelphia under the exclusive control of Councils.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the same Committee, to whom was also referred the memorial of a Mr. Plantou, relative to an improvement in Rail Roads, and Rail Road Cars, and also the petition of the Germantown and Norristown Rail Road Company, requesting permission to continue their road along Ninth street, to the

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High street Rail Road, made a report, (Appendix, No. 23,) accompanied with a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of both subjects embraced in their report.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

On leave granted, read in his place a bill, (Appendix, No. 24,) entitled, “An Ordinance providing for the removal from the foot pavements, of snow, hail, sleet and ice.”

Which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Ordinance relating to Building Permits, as shall require the payment of a sum for such Permits in proportion to the time which the street and foot-way are actually occupied, by building or building materials.

Which was read.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

Mr. Hinchman—

Moved to amend, by striking out the word “Police,” in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words “Public Highways.”

Which was disagreed to.

Mr. Hinchman—

Then moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which was lost.

The resolution was then agreed to.

Mr. Warner—

Submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to have Christ Church Bells rung on the 22d inst., the anniversary of the birth of the illustrious George Washington.

Which was read,

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On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

Offered a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of making some further provision in respect to the names of streets, lanes and alleys, so that no two of them shall have the same name, with authority to correspond with the district Corporations.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

Mr. Price—

Moved to strike out the words “Public Highways,” and insert the word “Police.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hinchman—

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the resolution as amended.

When it was negatived.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, cordially approve of the projected Rail Road from the Susquehanna to the town and harbour of Erie, and that the early incorporation of a Company to effect that object will be highly beneficial to the trade and business of the Commonwealth, and that the Presidents of Councils be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Speakers of both branches of our State Legislature.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

And then they adjourned.

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Council met, having been specially called together for the purpose of considering the subject, of a Canal on the west side of the Schuylkill from Fairmount to Gray's Ferry.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Otis,
Andrews,	Perot,
Caldwell,	Price,
Crissy,	Rawle,
Ferguson,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Sailor,
Hinchman,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.

Mr. Fraley—

On leave granted, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and required to place to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount of a certificate in the five per cent. Philadelphia county loan, redeemable January 1, 1860, and received for damages sustained by the opening of streets on the Fair Mount estate.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had passed a preamble and resolutions, relative to the proposed Canal on the west side of Schuylkill, to-wit:

Whereas, Information has been received from Harrisburg, that a Bill has passed the Senate of Pennsylvania, for the incorporation of the West Philadelphia Canal Company, with power to make a Canal from the Pool of Fair Mount dam to Mill Creek, and to use the waters from the said dam to supply the said Canal, and the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, being fully impressed with the conviction, that the passing of the said Bill into a law will be highly injurious to the Water Works at Fair Mount, and by the commencement of an interference with the rights hitherto conceded to the city, lead to applications for similar incorporations to carry the water by

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Canals to other parts of the city and districts, which would absolutely destroy the efficiency of the Water Works to supply the inhabitants of the city and adjoining districts with water. Therefore,

Resolved, That the following memorial, remonstrating against the said incorporation, be signed by the Mayor of the city on behalf of the Corporation, and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives forthwith, in order that every effort may be made to avert a measure so destructive to the comforts and security of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia and the adjoining districts.

Resolved, That the Mayor of the city be requested to address letters to the Presidents of the respective Corporations of the Northern Liberties, Southwark, Spring Garden, Moyamensing, and Kensington, inviting them speedily to co-operate with the city in the present application to the House of Representatives, in order that the means of complying with the contracts made with said districts for a supply of Schuylkill water may not be diverted from the city of Philadelphia, and placed in the hands of a new Corporation for an unnecessary and doubtful experiment.

Which were read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first resolution was agreed to.

The second resolution was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

The memorial, as follows, was then read and adopted:

To the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, respectfully represents: That by the Act, incorporating the Schuylkill Navigation Company, passed March 8, 1815, the said Company are empowered to sell and dispose of all the Water and Water power of the river Schuylkill which might remain, after supplying the Canal and Works of the said Company for the navigation of that river; that under the said Charter, the City of Philadelphia contracted with the said Company to erect certain works at Fair Mount for the completion of the navigation at that point, and in consideration thereof.

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and of several sums of money paid to the said Schuylkill Navigation Company, became, under several contracts made with them, entitled to the full, absolute and uncontrolled use and enjoyment of the whole of the Water and Water power accumulated at the Fair Mount Dam, on condition that they would at all times forever maintain the Canal and Lock then erected in good order, and supply the same with so much water as might be necessary for the navigation of the said River, Canal and Locks at that point, and without any restriction or other reservation whatever, and with full power to lease, sell and dispose of the said Water and Water power for any and every purpose, and the City of Philadelphia, on the faith of the said Charter, has erected costly works and made contracts with her own citizens, and with all the Corporations of the county of Philadelphia, for a supply of Schuylkill, Water for domestic and manufacturing purposes, subject only to the supply of the navigation of the river Schuylkill, as before stated: And whereas, the Senate of Pennsylvania has passed a bill, incorporating a Company to make a Canal from Fair Mount Dam to Mill Creek, with power to take and use the Water and Water power of the said Dam, for the purpose of filling and navigating the same Canal, by which the ability of the City to comply with her engagements for a supply of Water will be seriously impaired, if not entirely destroyed, and the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, believing that the passing of the said bill into a law, will lead to other and similar incorporations to carry the Water of Fair Mount Dam to other parts of the City and Districts, to the manifest destruction of the Water Works, and at great hazard to the health and property of the inhabitants, most solemnly and earnestly remonstrate against the passage of said act of incorporation, and respectfully refer your honourable body to the remonstrances heretofore presented by your petitioners on this subject.

And then Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 2, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.

Mr. Warner—

Presented three petitions, asking Councils to make an appropriation to construct a Steam Ice Boat to keep open the Navigation of the river Delaware, during the winter season.

Petitions of a like import, signed by a great number of citizens, were also presented by every member of Council present.

All of which were referred to the Joint Special Committee on the subject.

Mr. Rowland—

Laid before Council a communication from Jacob Ridgway, Esq., relating to a proposed alteration in the regulation of the north side of High street, at its juncture with Delaware Avenue.

Mr. Hutchinson—

A petition of owners of property in and near Ashton, High and Mulberry streets, praying that Ashton street, from High to Mulberry, may be paved.

Mr. McCausland—

A petition from the residents and owners of property in the neighbourhood of Fifth, Sixth and Lombard streets, setting forth the flooding of their cellars, and praying Councils to construct a Culvert in that neighbourhood.

Which were severally read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

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Mr. Fraley—

From the Joint Special Committee appointed at the last stated meeting, relative to the construction of an Ice Boat, to keep open the Navigation of the Delaware during the winter, made a report, (Appendix, No. 25,) accompanied with a bill, entitled “An Ordinance to secure the uninterrupted Navigation of the river Delaware, by the use of a Steam Ice Boat.”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The fourth section was agreed to.

The fifth section was agreed to.

The sixth section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

And on the question, “Shall this bill pass?”

It was passed

And sent to Select Council.

And Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, made a report, accompanied with a bill, (Appendix, No. 26,) entitled “A further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled ‘An Ordinance, relating to the High street Market place.’ ”

Which was read.

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Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

Mr. Price—

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill for the present.

Which was agreed to,
And the bill postponed.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, “to whom was referred (see page 12,) a resolution, directing the Committee on Public Highways to report the extent to which Delaware Avenue has been opened, and the nature of the obstructions that are necessary to be removed before its final completion, &c.” made a report (Appendix, No. 27,) upon the subject.

Which was read,

And ordered to be transmitted to Select Council for their information.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, (Appendix, to Select Council, No. 19,) “to whom was referred at last meeting, the memorial from the Butchers, respecting the alteration in High street Market, from Second to Third streets,” and had passed the resolution thereto annexed, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the occupiers of Stalls in the Market House between Second and Third streets, in High street.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

The message further informed—

That Select Council had received a communication from Jacob Ridgway, and had referred the same to the Committee on Public Highways, with power to act.

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Mr. Rowland—

Moved that Council non-concur in so much of the reference as gives the Committee power to act.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council would meet Common Council in Convention this evening, for the purpose of electing an Assistant Clerk of Councils.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Common Council concurred, and it was

Ordered, That the Select Council be informed that this Council are now ready to meet them in Convention for that purpose.

The President, Clerk, and Members of the Select Council entered, and being seated, the President stated the object of the Convention, and appointed

Mr. Lewis, Teller.

The President of Common Council appointed

Mr. Crissy, Teller.

Who, having collected and counted the votes, reported that twenty-seven had been received, all of which were for William Stevenson.

Whereupon, William Stevenson was declared to be duly elected Assistant Clerk of Councils for the ensuing year.

The Convention was then dissolved, and Select Council withdrew.

Mr. Price—

Moved that the rule of Council which prohibits an adjournment before half past nine, without giving fifteen minutes notice to the other Council, be suspended for this evening.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

And then Common Council adjourned.

MONDAY, March 13, 1837.

Council met at four o'clock, to elect members of the Board of Health.

Present, Messrs. Crissy,	McCausland,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.
Matthews,	

Mr. Rowland—

On leave granted, presented a petition from Jacob Ridgway, asking permission to erect a temporary rough board house on the Wharf, north side of Market street, as a place of shelter for persons waiting to cross the river; said house to be removed on the completion of the new Ferry house.

Read and referred to Committee on Police.

Ordered—

That Select Council be informed that this Council are now ready to receive them in Convention, for the purpose of electing six members of the Board of Health.

The President, Clerk and Members of the Select Council having entered,

Mr. Lewis, of the Select, and

Dr. Matthews, of the Common Council,

Were appointed Tellers.

Who, having collected and counted the votes, reported that twenty-three had been received, of which

Henry Bond, M. D.	had 22
Joseph W. Ryerss	“ 22
James Hutchinson	“ 21
Wm. W. Gerhard, M. D.	“ 21
T. B. Freeman	“ 20
Wm. E. Lehman	“ 19
Scattering,	4

Whereupon, the above named gentlemen were declared to be duly elected members of the Board of Health for the ensuing year.

The Convention was then dissolved, Select Council withdrew.

And then Council adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Sailor,
Mather,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.

Mr. Lindsay—

Presented a petition, praying that Butler Avenue may be paved.

Mr. Otis—

A petition, signed by a number of the residents in the vicinity, praying that the Sewer in Spruce street may be extended to Twelfth or Thirteenth street.

Mr. Fraley—

A petition, asking for the repaving of Race street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Mr. Perot—

A petition, setting forth the inconvenience and loss experienced in consequence of the cross streets, from Broad to Schuylkill Front, remaining unpaved, and praying that Schuylkill Sixth, from Spruce to Lombard, may be paved as soon as convenient.

Which were severally read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman—

A memorial, signed by a number of citizens, soliciting Councils to sell or let on redeemable ground rent, those lots belonging to the city, lying between Market, Chesnut, Beech and Second streets.

Memorials of a similar import were also presented by

Messrs. McCausland, Sailor, Crissy, Lindsay and Otis, and were

Referred to Committee on City Property.

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Mr. Perot—

A petition, praying for the erection of a City Hall on one of the angles of the Centre Square.

Which was also

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Crissy—

A petition, praying that Commerce street (late South Alley,) may be vacated as a Stand for empty vehicles.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 28,) accompanied with two bills; the first of them entitled

“An Ordinance, authorising Catharine Stafford to make an opening into the Sewer in Dock street.”

And the other, entitled

“An Ordinance, providing for an alteration in the regulation of Water street, between High and Mulberry streets.”

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance, authorising the opening into the Sewer. When,

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

When it passed.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

The second reading and consideration of the bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, providing for an alteration in the regulation of Water street, between High and Mulberry streets,”

Was ordered.

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The first and only section was then read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.
When,

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

The further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, to whom was referred a Resolution, (see page 46,) relative to the employment of Ward Constables, made a report, (Appendix, No. 29,) accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

On motion of Mr. Price,—

It was ordered that Council now proceed to the election of six Trustees of the Ice Boat.

The President appointed
Messrs. Price and
Sailor, Tellers.

Who, having collected and counted the votes, reported that eighteen had been received, of which

Allen R. Reeves	had	15
Charles S. Smith	"	12
Dr. Thos. McEuen	"	11
Thomas Earp,	"	10
M. W. Baldwin	"	9
T. G. Hollingsworth,	"	8
Matthew L. Bevan	"	7
Capt. C. Dixey	"	6
Benj. Marshall	"	6

And several scattering.

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Whereupon,

Messrs. Reeves,
Smith,
McEuen and
Earp

Having receiving a majority of the whole number of votes given, were declared to be duly elected Trustees.

And it was ordered—

That Council proceed to a second ballot.

The votes were then collected and counted, and the Tellers reported that eighteen had been received, but that no gentleman had a majority of the whole.

The like result attended the third, fourth and fifth ballots.

Which were severally ordered.

On the sixth, the Tellers reported the same number of votes received, of which

Matthias W. Baldwin had 12
The rest scattering.

Whereupon, Matthias W. Baldwin was declared to be duly elected.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to a seventh ballot.

When the Tellers reported that eighteen had again been received, of which

George Jeffries had 15
The others scattering.

Whereupon, George Jeffries was declared to be duly elected.

The Clerk then, in compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance, proceeded to divide the Trustees into three classes, which resulted as follows, viz:

The first class, whose term of service will expire in January, 1838,

Matthias W. Baldwin,
Dr. Thomas McEuen.

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The second class, whose term will expire January, 1839,
Allen R. Reeves,
Thomas Earp.

The third class, whose term will expire January, 1840.
Charles S. Smith,
George Jeffries.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a communication from Jacob Ridgway, asking permission to erect a temporary frame shed on the Wharf, north of High street, and had referred the same to the Committee on City Property, with power to act.

Mr. Rowland—

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the reference with power to act.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had passed a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Superintendents for Cleansing the Streets be, and they are hereby directed to cause the alleys, north and south of Girard street, to be scraped and cleaned twice in each week throughout the year, carrying off the snow, ice and all other offensive matter which may from time to time be thrown into the same, and the expense be charged to the appropriation for Cleansing the City.

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had elected the following named gentlemen Trustees of the Ice Boat, for the terms affixed to their respective names, viz:

Messrs. Charles W. Churchman, }
Matthew C. Ralston, } for 3 years.

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John P. Wetherill,	}	for 2 years.
John R. Lattimer,		

Thomas Dunlap,	}	for 1 year.
Cornelius Tiers,		

Which was read and laid on the table.

The message further informed—

That they had concurred in the bill received from Common Council this evening, entitled “An Ordinance, authorising Catharine Stafford to make an opening into the Sewer in Dock street;” with an amendment, to-wit:

Insert in the 5th and 6th lines, the word “little” before the word “Dock.”

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment.

And the Ordinance as amended,
Was read and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland—

Offered a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to inquire, and report to Councils whether the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets, is available for the purposes for which it was intended, and if not, what measures in their judgment, are proper to be pursued in relation thereto.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

Mr. Mather—

Moved to lay the resolution on the table, and a division being called for, it appeared that

Six gentlemen voted in the affirmative,

Nine in the negative.

So the motion to lay on the table

Was lost.

And the resolution was then

Agreed to.

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Mr. Hinchman—

Called up for second reading and consideration, a bill reported by the Committee on Police, (see page 64,) at last meeting, entitled “A further Supplement to an Ordinance, relating to the High street Market place.”

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.
When

Mr. Perot—

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof.

And a division being called for, it appeared that eight gentlemen voted in the affirmative, and eight in the negative.

Whereupon the President gave the casting vote in the affirmative.

And the bill was postponed.

Mr. Fraley—

Submitted a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be directed to report a general Ordinance on the subject of openings into the Common Sewers.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

And then Common Council adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Ferguson,	Otis,
Fraley,	Perot,
Hinchman,	Price,
Hutchinson,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
	Thomason.

The President—

Laid before Council a petition, numerously signed by Farmers and others attending High street Market, praying the repeal of the Ordinance of the 24th of November, 1836, which prohibits the placing of their vehicles in Decatur street.

Also—

A memorial from sundry citizens, respecting Hackney Coaches, and suggesting an alteration in the Ordinances relative thereto.

Which were read and

Referred to Committee on Police.

Mr. Ferguson—

A petition, praying that when the Market House in High, between Delaware Second and Third streets is removed, the site may be vacated, and the new Market House erected in the western part of the city.

Mr. Fraley—

One of like import.

Both of which were read and

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Price—

A petition from the loud Watch, asking for an increase of wages.

Mr. Lindsay—

One from the silent Watch of a similar import.

Which were referred to Committee on Police.

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Mr. Perot—

A remonstrance against making North street a Stand for empty market Wagons.

Read and laid on the table.

The President—

A petition from the owners and occupiers of property on and in the vicinity of Linden street, praying that said Linden street, from Schuylkill Seventh to Eighth, may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Anderson—

One, asking Councils to order Delaware Fifth street, from Spruce to Pine, to be repaved.

Mr. Thomason—

A petition for the repaving of Exchange street, from Chesnut to Dock.

Mr. Hutchinson—

One, signed by citizens residing in the neighbourhood, calling the attention of Councils to the situation of Delaware Fifth street, between Sassafras and Vine, and praying that the same may be repaved.

Mr. Rowland—

One, praying that Ashton and St. David streets may be paved, curbed, &c.

Mr. Andrews—

One, setting forth the bad condition in which Lombard street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, is in at present, and praying that the same may be repaved.

All of which were severally read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley—

Presented the following communication from the City Constables.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

There is due the City Constables for advertising and for attending the late Constables' election, six dollars each, namely: John Clopp, William Stokes, David Moody, James Crawford,

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John Milleman, Washington Welden, Jacob P. Wolf, Casper Moffatt, John Walker, John K. Murphey, Daniel Lippard, Elisha W. Cook, David Rittenhouse, Peter Steinmetz and William Ford,—making \$90 00. Which they request may be paid.

On behalf of the Constables,

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WM. STOKES.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to act.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 30,) accompanied with three bills, viz: one of them entitled,

“An Ordinance relating to the regulation of High street, from Water street to Delaware Avenue.”

The second entitled,

“An Ordinance authorising the Committee on Public Highways to grant permission to make openings into the Common Sewers.”

And the third,

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Sewer in Sixth street, between Walnut and Locust streets.”

Which were read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

It was ordered that Council now proceed to the third reading of a bill from the Committee on Public Highways, (see page 69,) entitled

“An Ordinance providing for an alteration in the regulation of Water street, between High and Mulberry streets.”

The bill was then read a third time

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

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Mr. Hinchman—

Moved that Council now proceed to the third reading of the bill from the Committee on Police, (see page 64,) entitled
“ A further Supplement to an Ordinance, relating to the High street Market place.”

When Mr. Fraley—

Moved to postpone the third reading, to allow him to move for a reconsideration of the second reading.

And a division being called for, it appeared that

Six gentlemen voted in the affirmative, and

Six in the negative.

Whereupon,

The President voted in the affirmative, and the third reading was postponed.

Mr. Fraley—

Then moved that Council go into a reconsideration of the second reading of the bill.

And the ayes and nays being called upon the motion, were

Ayes,—Messrs. Anderson, Fraley, Perot, Price, Rawle, Rowland, Thomason,—7.

Nays,—Messrs. Andrews, Ferguson, Hinchman, Lindsay, Matthews, McCausland, Otis,—7.

So the motion was lost.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Caldwell,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from Matthias W. Baldwin, resigning his seat in the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Ice Boat.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,—

A communication signed by G. W. McCord, on behalf of the Hibernia Fire Company, praying Councils to provide them with a location for their Apparatus in the Market House about being erected in High street, between Second and Third streets.

Read and referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hinchman—

A memorial, signed Joseph Purden, setting forth a disputed account between the City Commissioners and himself, for work done in the year 1829, and praying that the balance due him may be paid.

Dr. Matthews—

A petition, praying that Front street between Race and Vine, may be repaved.

Mr. Caldwell—

One, praying that Asylum street, from Broad to Schuylkill Eighth, between Spruce and Pine, may be graded and paved.

Also—

One, soliciting the paving of Factory street, from Willow to Beach street.

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Mr. McCausland—

One from the property holders on Cedar street, praying that said street, between Second and Fourth, may be repaved.

Mr. Price—

One, setting forth the bad condition in which Delaware Sixth from High to Chesnut is at present, and praying that the same may be repaved.

Mr. Fraley,—

One very numerous signed by the owners and occupiers of Property on High street, east of Broad, calling the attention of Councils to the situation of said High street, and praying some improvement therein.

All of which were severally read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Dr. Matthews—

A petition from citizens residing in the neighbourhood of Arch and Front streets, asking that the carts and furniture Cars may be removed from that location, and suggesting that Dock street, below Second, would be a more eligible Stand.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Mr. Lindsay—

One from a number of Citizens, setting forth that they understand several petitions were presented at last meeting of Councils, praying that the Market House, between Second and Third in High street, may not be rebuilt, and remonstrating against granting the prayer of those petitioners.

Mr. Rowland—

One of like import.

Which were referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Perot—

A petition, numerous signed, setting forth the importance of the early removal of the Market Houses out of High street, and suggesting that the section embraced between Second and Third streets, now being pulled down, may not be rebuilt, unless otherwise ordered by the common wants of the public at some future period.

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Messrs. Fraley and Thomason—

Presented petitions of a similar import.

Which were all

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 31,) accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to cause the following streets to be regulated, curbed and paved, or repaved as required.

For Paving

Bond street from Tenth to Eleventh, 373 yards,	\$373 00
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For Repaving

Exchange street, from Chesnut to Dock, 233 yards,	93 00
Sassafras street, from Eleventh to Twelfth, 1230 yards,	492 00
Fifth street, from Sassafras to Vine, 1950 yards,	780 00
La Grange Place, 160 yards,	64 00

And also with a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, authorising the construction of certain
Culverts.”

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution. When

Mr. Rowland—

Moved to amend the same by inserting among the streets to be repaved, the following:

“Water street, from Mulberry to the Centre Alley.”

Which was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was then read a second time,
And passed.

Select Council concurred

THURSDAY, April 13, 1837.

Ordered—

That Council now proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill attached to the report, entitled

“An Ordinance, authorising the construction of certain
Culverts.”

The first and only section was then read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,
And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 32,) entitled

“An Ordinance to provide for lighting Franklin Square and
the streets adjacent, with Gas.”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hinchman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section was then agreed to. When

Mr. Rowland—

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill,
and that it be printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fraley—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be directed to postpone the erection of the Market House in High street, between Delaware Second and Third streets, and that they report at the next meeting of Councils what number of Stalls are still vacant in the Market Houses between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, and also the number of Stalls proposed to be placed in the Market House between Second and Third streets.

Which was read.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1837.

Mr. Fraley—

Moved that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

And a division being called for on the motion, it appeared that

Twelve gentlemen voted in the affirmative,

Three in the negative.

So the second reading was ordered.

Mr. Mather—

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

The division which was called for, being

Four in the affirmative,

Eleven in the negative.

The resolution was then read a second time, and the question being on its passage, the ayes and nays were called for, and were

Ayes,—Messrs. Anderson, Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, McCausland, Otis, Perot, Price, Rawle, Thomason,—12.

Nays,—Messrs. Caldwell, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, Rowland, Warner,—6.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Moved that Council now proceed to the second reading and consideration of a bill, reported by the Committee on Public Highways, at the last meeting, entitled

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Sewer in Sixth street between Walnut and Locust street.”

Which was agreed to.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1837.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, on leave granted, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 33,) entitled

“An Ordinance authorising the purchase of a Police Station for the North East Division of the City.”

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had elected Mr. John C. Cresson a Trustee of the Philadelphia Ice Boat, in the place of John R. Lattimer, Esq., resigned.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to consider the expediency of introducing tram-ways for carriage wheels, of two or more courses of broad hammered stone, in a square which may need repaving this year.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1837.

On motion of Mr. Price,—

It was ordered that Council proceed to the election of a Trustee of the Ice Boat, in the place of Matthias W. Baldwin, resigned.

The President appointed
Messrs. Price and
Rowland, Tellers.

Who having collected and counted the votes, reported that eighteen had been received, of which

Samuel V. Merrick had 15
Matthew L. Bevan “ 3

Whereupon, Mr. Samuel V. Merrick was declared to be duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of a bill from the Committee on Public Highways, (see p. 77,) entitled

“An Ordinance, authorising the Committee on Public Highways, to grant permission to make openings into the Common Sewers.”

The first and only section was then read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,
And passed.

And then Council adjourned.

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THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Matthews,
Caldwell,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Sailor,
Mather,	Thomason,
	Warner.

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from the Board of Guardians for the relief and employment of the Poor, setting forth a vacancy in that Board, occasioned by the resignation of George W. Jones.

Laid on the table.

Also,—

A letter from Henry S. Tanner, stating he is about completing a large plan of the city and adjoining districts, and asking permission to obtain from the City Recording Surveyor the original drafts of the Surveys of the Rivers Delaware and Schuylkill.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways
With power to act.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland—

Presented a petition, very numerously signed, praying Councils to proceed at once in the erection of the Market House in High street, between Second and Third streets.

Petitions of a like import were also presented by

Messrs. Sailor, Ferguson, Matthews, Perot, Hinchman, Andrews, Lindsay, Mather, Thomason and Caldwell, and
Laid on the table.

Mr. Andrews—

A remonstrance against the erection of a Market House in High street, between Second and Third.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hinchman—

A petition from the Assistant Clerks of High street Market, asking for an increase of wages.

Referred to Committee on Police.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

Mr. Rowland—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens, praying that the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets, may be taken up and the street repaved.

Petitions of a similar character were likewise presented by

Messrs. Perot, Matthews, Andrews, Caldwell and Thomason, and were

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Lindsay—

A petition, praying that Schuylkill Fifth street, from Chesnut to Walnut, may be paved.

Also—

One praying that Dugan street may be paved.

Another—

Asking that Richards street may be graded and paved.

Mr. Andrews—

One, praying that Lombard, between Eighth and Ninth streets, may be paved.

Mr. Hutchinson—

One, soliciting Councils to have Schuylkill Seventh from Locust to Pine street, paved during the present season.

Mr. Fraley—

One, praying that State street may be paved.

All of which were severally read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman—

One, numerously signed by Store Keepers in Market street, west of Delaware Eighth, calling the attention of Councils to the propriety of having a Watering Machine appropriated exclusively for that part of the City.

Referred to Committee on Cleansing the City.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of Farmers and others, (see page 75,) requesting that certain portions of Decatur street may be set apart and appropriated as Stands for empty market Wagons and Carts, made a report (Appendix, No. 34,) adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the same Committee, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 35,) entitled

“An Ordinance, fixing the Salary of the Clerk of the Market in High street, west of Tenth street.”

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

Mr. Fraley,—

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 36,) entitled

“A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor.”

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on City Property (Appendix to Select Council, No. 21.) and had passed the resolution thereto annexed, to-wit:

THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions asking that the Market House in High street between Second and Third streets, should not be rebuilt.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating further—

That they had received another report from the Committee on City Property, (Appendix to Select Council, No. 22,) made in compliance with a resolution of Councils of the 13th inst., (see page 82,) and had passed the resolution thereto annexed, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be directed to proceed forthwith in the erection of the Market House in High street between Second and Third streets.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating further—

That they had concurred in a bill passed by Common Council on the 13th inst., entitled

“An Ordinance, authorising the Committee on Public Highways to grant permission to make openings into the Common Sewers.”

And that they would this evening meet Common Council in Convention, for the purpose of electing a Guardian of the Poor, in the place of George W. Jones, resigned.

Which message was read and

Laid on the table.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

Ordered—

That Select Council be informed that this Council are now ready to receive them in Convention.

The President, Clerk and Members of the Select Council then entered; being seated, the President stated the object of the Convention, and appointed

Mr. Lewis, Teller.

The President of Common Council appointed

Mr. Fraley, Teller.

Who having collected and counted the votes, reported that twenty-nine had been received, of which

Henry Troth	had	12 votes,
George W. South	“	14 “
Scattering,		3 “

Neither gentleman having received a majority of the whole, a second ballot was ordered; and the votes being again collected and counted, it appeared that thirty had been received, of which

George W. South	had	16
Henry Troth	“	13
Samuel H. Fisher	“	1

Whereupon, George W. South was declared to be duly elected a Guardian of the Poor, in the room of George W. Jones, resigned.

The Convention was then dissolved, and Select Council withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Hinchman—

It was ordered that Council now proceed to the third reading of the bill from the Committee on Police, (see page 78,) entitled

“A further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relating to the High street Market Place.”

Mr. Fraley—

Moved that the rule of Councils which requires all bills on their third reading to be read by their title, be suspended.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time, by sections, and on the question, “Shall this bill pass?”

THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

Mr. Price—

Called for the ayes and noes, which were ordered, and were,

Ayes,—Messrs. Andrews, Caldwell, Crissy, Ferguson, Hinchman, Lindsay, Matthews, McCausland, Otis, Rawle and Warner,—11.

Noes,—Messrs. Fraley, Hutchinson, Mather, Perot, Price, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—8.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Thomason—

From the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, made a detailed report, (Appendix, No. 37,) in compliance with the provisions of an Ordinance, passed October 1, 1835, entitled

“An Ordinance for auditing and controlling the expenditures of the city.”

Which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 38,) accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be authorised to make the experiment of stone flagging or tram-ways in one of the streets about to be repaved.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hinchman—

It was ordered that Council proceed to the further consideration of a bill from the Committee on Police, (page 82,) entitled

“An Ordinance to provide for Lighting Franklin Square and the streets adjacent, with Gas.”

Mr. Rowland—

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed.

Which was lost.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1837.

The division called for being
Eight in the affirmative,
Nine in the negative.

The second section was then read and agreed to.

The third section being under consideration,

Mr. Price—

Moved to amend by striking out all after the word “purpose” in the last line.

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended, was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Fraley—

Made a motion, that the further consideration be postponed.

Which was agreed to

Mr. Rowland—

Offered a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to suspend further operations connected with the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets, and any intended contracts or alterations having relation thereto, until Council otherwise direct.

Which was read.

Mr. Rowland—

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Hinchman—

Moved to postpone the further consideration.

Which was lost.

The division being

Seven in the affirmative,

Twelve in the negative.

The resolution was then read a second time. When

Mr. Hinchman—

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

And a division being called for, it appeared that

Ten gentlemen voted in the affirmative,

Eight in the negative.

And so Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 11, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Sailor,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.

Mr. Price—

Presented a petition, very numerously signed by Merchants and other citizens, praying Councils to take into immediate consideration, the necessity existing for the want of a small circulating medium, &c.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Warner—

A petition setting forth the condition in which Chesnut street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, is at present, and praying that the same may be paved with wood.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley—

From the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (Appendix, No. 40,) entitled

“An Ordinance for raising supplies, and making appropriations for the year 1837.”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When,

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

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THURSDAY, May 11, 1837.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And on the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was passed unanimously,

And sent to Select Council.

And Select Council concurred therein.

Mr. Fraley—

From the same Committee, submitted for the information of Councils, a statement of the Sinking Fund of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, from January 1st, 1836, to January 1st, 1837. Accompanied also with a list of certificates of stock belonging to said fund, on the 1st of March, 1837, with an account of the different loans belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., showing their respective amounts, the period of their becoming due, and annual interest thereon, (vide Appendix, No. 41.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Thomason—

From the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, to whom was referred the memorial of the Western Hose Company, asking for a participation in the annual appropriation to the Fire companies, made a report (Appendix, No. 39,) accompanied with the following Resolution.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated as a donation to the Western Hose Company, which amount shall be paid to the President of said Company, on the requisition of the Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

THURSDAY, May 11, 1837.

On motion of Mr. Hinchman—

It was ordered that Council now proceed to the third reading and consideration of a bill from the Committee on Police (see page 82) entitled

“An Ordinance to provide for lighting Franklin square, and the streets adjacent with Gas.”

The bill was then read a third time,

And the question being, “Shall this bill pass.”

It was passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in two bills passed by Common Council on the 27th inst., the first entitled

“A further supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, an Ordinance relating to the High street Market place.”

And the other, entitled,

“A supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, an Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor.”

Stating further—

That they had also concurred in the Resolution attached to the Report of the Committee on Public Highways, (see page 91) made on the 27th inst.

Which message was read and laid on the table.

And then Council adjourned.

MONDAY, May 15, 1837.

Council met, pursuant to act of assembly, for the purpose of electing Guardians for the employment and relief of the Poor.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Warner.

Ordered, That Select Council be informed, that this Council are ready to receive them in joint meeting, for the purpose of electing two Guardians, for the relief and employment of the Poor.

The Select Council then entered, being seated, the President stated the object of the convention, and appointed Mr. Wetherill, Teller.

President of Common Council appointed Mr. Rowland, Teller,

Who having collected and counted the votes, reported that 23 had been received, of which

John Price Wetherill	had	20
Henry Troth	"	10
Joseph B. Smith	"	10
Scattering	"	3

Whereupon John Price Wetherill was declared to be duly elected, and

It was ordered that Council proceed to a second ballot, the result of which the Tellers reported to be

for Henry Troth	12 votes,
for Joseph B. Smith	9 votes.

Whereupon Henry Troth was declared to be duly elected.

The convention was then dissolved. Select Council withdrew.

And Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 25, 1837.

Council met.

Present. Messrs. Anderson,	Otis,
Fraley,	Perot,
Hinchman,	Price,
Lindsay,	Rawle,
Matthews,	Rowland,
McCausland,	Sailor.

The President—

Submitted a communication from the Board of Guardians of the Poor, setting forth a vacancy in that Board, occasioned by the resignation of Henry Troth, Esq.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Price—

Presented a petition, signed by the owners of property in Clinton street, praying that said street, between Ninth and Tenth, may be graded and paved immediately.

Mr. Perot—

One, praying that the Culvert about being made in Seventh street, from Locust to Spruce, may be extended to Elizabeth street, both of which were

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman—

One, praying that the Ordinance which prohibits the selling of Fresh Shad after the first of June, may be so modified as to extend the time to the seventh of said month.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Price—

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be requested to present to the Borough of West Philadelphia, a copy of the Digest of the Ordinances of the City, and a copy of the Journal of Councils for the years 1835-6.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

THURSDAY, May 25, 1837.

Mr. Hinchman—

On leave granted, read in his place, a bill, (Appendix. No. 42,) entitled

“ A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relative to the sale of Fresh Shad.”

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof. When

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

On motion of Mr. Rowland—

It was ordered that when Council adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Thursday evening next, at eight o'clock.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 1, 1837.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Matthews,	Thomason,
McCausland,	Warner.

Mr. Price--

Presented a petition, signed by a Committee of the Fame Engine Company, soliciting Councils to grant them an appropriation equal to that made the other Engine and Hose Companies of the City.

Referred to Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

THURSDAY, June 1, 1837.

Mr. Fraley—

One from P. Lucian, praying Councils to make a suitable crossing at Eighth and Market streets, from one track of the Rail Road to the other, to enable him to run a line of Cars to Fair Mount.

Dr. Matthews—

One, soliciting Councils to have the Market street Rail Road removed, and the street repaved. Which
Were read and referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, made a report, (Appendix, No. 43,) accompanied with the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in a bill from this Council, (see page 98,) entitled

“A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relative to the sale of Fresh Shad.”

Stating further—

That they would meet Common Council in Convention this evening, for the purpose of electing a Guardian of the Poor in the place of Henry Troth, Esq., resigned.

Which was read and laid on the table.

THURSDAY, June 1, 1837.

Ordered—

That Select Council be informed that this Council are ready to receive them in Convention.

The President, Clerk and Members of the Select Council then entered, being seated, the President announced the object of the Convention, and

Messrs. Tiers,
Dunlap and
Fraley,

Were appointed Tellers.

Who having collected and counted the votes, reported that 23 had been received, of which

Joseph B. Smith had 22

Joel Cook “ 1

Whereupon Joseph B. Smith was declared to be duly elected a Guardian of the Poor in the place of, and for the unexpired time of Henry Troth, Esq., resigned.

The Convention was then dissolved, and Select Council withdrew.

Mr. Rowland—

On leave granted, introduced in his place, a bill, (Appendix, No. 44,) entitled

“ An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance, authorising the construction of the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets.”
Which was read and laid on the table.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 8, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Sailor,
Mather,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Presented a petition, signed by citizens residing in the north-eastern part of the city, praying that the Public Alley, between Race and Vine streets, running east from Water street, may be repaved, suggesting also the propriety of laying down wood for the wheels to run over.

Mr. Thomason—

One from the residents in the vicinity, praying that Letitia Court and Black Horse Alley may be repaved.

Mr. Ferguson—

A memorial from the Managers of the Philadelphia Exchange Company, soliciting Councils to have Walnut, from Third to Dock street, paved with wood.

Mr. Andrews—

A petition, praying that Schuylkill Seventh street, between Locust and Pine, may be curbed and paved.

Which were severally read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Price—

A petition from the Homeny sellers in the High street Market, praying Councils to pass an Ordinance authorising the renters of Stalls for the sale of Homeny in that Market, to sell Ice Cream and Lemonade, during the months of May, June, July and August.

Referred to Committee on Police.

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from Peter Ancora, enclosing a paper, signed by sundry citizens, recommending him as every way qualified for the situation of Teacher of Drawing and Painting in the Girard College.

Which was ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Trustees of the Girard College.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the petition of

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the Hibernia Fire Company, soliciting accommodation for their apparatus in the new Market House at the corner of High and Second streets, and had passed the resolution annexed, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition. Which was read.

Council, on motion, proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof. When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Purden, praying Councils to pay him an alledged balance, on a contract for digging out Pine street in the year 1829, made a report, (Appendix, No. 45,) accompanied with the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Which was read.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same. When it was agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the same Committee, made another report, (Appendix, No. 46,) accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved, or repaved, the following streets, viz:

New Paving.

Dugan street, from Spruce to Pine street,	\$770 00
Harrison street, from Schuy'l. Sixth to Jefferson street,	200 00
Jefferson street, from Harrison to Rittenhouse,	175 00
Richards street, from Ninth street to Webb's Alley,	195 00
Oak street, from High street to Olive street,	700 00
Olive street, from Oak street to Schuy'l. Eighth street	422 00
Murray st. from Schuy'l. Second, to Schuy'l. Third st.	1,155 00

Repaving

Cedar street, from Third to Fourth street,	\$504 00
High st. from Schuy'l. Sixth to Schuy'l. Seventh st.	780 00
Ninth street, from High to Filbert street,	381 00
Spruce street, from Seventh to Eighth street,	507 00

Total, \$5,789 00

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And that the City Commissioners be also directed to make an inlet at the south-west corner of Thirteenth and Mulberry street.

Accompanied also with a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Culvert in Seventh street, from Spruce to Pine street.”

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, when

Dr. Matthews—

Moved to amend, by adding amongst the streets to be repaved,

Delaware Front street, between Race and Vine.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Rowland—

Then moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill attached to the report.

The first and only section was then read, and

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Amended by inserting the word “Delaware,” before the word “Seventh,” in the fifth line.

The section as amended, was then agreed to.

The title being under consideration,

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend by inserting the word “Delaware” before the word “Seventh.”

Which was agreed to.

The title as amended, was then agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

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Mr. Price--

Submitted a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be requested to examine for repaving,

Delaware Front street from Sassafras to Vine street.

Delaware Fifth street, from Spruce to Chesnut street.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

Mr. Rowland—

Moved that Council now proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill, (see page 100,) entitled

“An Ordinance, repealing an Ordinance, authorising the construction of the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets.”

And called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which were as follows:

Ayes,—Messrs. Lindsay, Matthews, Perot, Rawle, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—7.

Nays,—Messrs. Andrews, Caldwell, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, Mather, McCausland, Otis, Price, Warner,—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Hinchman—

Submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to proceed in the re-construction of the Rail Road in High street as far as the east side of _____ street, upon the plan pursued between Broad and Eleventh streets; and from the east side of said _____ street, with stone sills and iron rails along High, Third, and Dock streets, to the City Warehouses and Wharves, in the vicinity of Dock street and the river Delaware.

Which was read and laid on the table.

And then Council adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Caldwell,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Thomason.
Mather,	Warner.
Mathews,	

Mr. Rowland—

Presented a petition, praying Councils to take into consideration the expediency of erecting a Cupola, with a clock therein, so constructed as to strike the hours, either on the west end of the Jersey Market, or on the east end of the one now being finished between Second and Third streets.

Petitions of a similar import were likewise presented by Messrs. Hinchman and Perot.

All of which were

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley—

A petition, signed by a Committee of the Diligent Hose Company, praying Councils to place said Company on an equal footing with the other Fire Companies in regard to the annual appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Mr. Hutchinson—

A communication, signed E. Badger, the lessee of the Marshall House, complaining of the inconvenience he is put to by the Market wagons and carts standing in Seventh and Carpenter streets, obstructing the entrance to his house, &c., and praying relief.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Mr. Lindsay—

A petition, signed by sundry citizens, praying that George street from Schuylkill Front to Third street, and Schuylkill Third from Chesnut to Walnut, may be paved during the ensuing season.

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Also—

One from the owners and occupants of property on Pine street, from Schuylkill Third to Schuylkill Sixth street, praying that said Pine street may be curbed and paved between those squares.

Mr. Price—

One, praying that Delaware Fifth street, from Spruce to Chesnut, may be repaved.

Mr. Hutchinson—

One, praying for the repaving of Lombard street, from Delaware Third to Fourth street.

Mr. Mather—

One from the owners and occupiers of property in Lombard street, between Schuylkill Front and Second streets, setting forth that the Schuylkill water has not been introduced into that neighbourhood, and soliciting that a well may be dug there to supply them with water.

Also—

One, praying that Harmstead street, between Schuylkill Second and Fourth street, may be paved as soon as convenient.

All of which were severally read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Rowland—

One, setting forth the condition of Taylor's Alley, stating that it was ordered to be repaved last year, but owing to the lateness of the season, not done, and requesting that it may be attended to during the coming month.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hutchinson—

One, praying Councils to order Mifflin street, from Pine to Lombard street, to be repaved.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways with power to act.

Select Council concurred.

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The President—

Laid before Council the following communication:

“At a stated meeting of the Council of the Borough of Pottsville,” it was, among other things,

Resolved, That the present from the Councils of Philadelphia, of the two copies of the Digest of the City Ordinances, be accepted, and that a Committee of three be appointed to acknowledge the receipt, and to convey to the donors the thanks of this Corporation for the same.

Extract from the Minutes,

June 9, 1837.

EDWARD OWEN PARRY,
Town Clerk.

Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, a Committee appointed in pursuance of the above resolution, on behalf of the Council of the Borough of Pottsville, acknowledge the receipt of two copies of the Digest of the Ordinances of Philadelphia, and tender to you the thanks of the Council for the same.

WM. H. MANN,
JEREMIAH REED, } *Committee.*
JOHN T. HAZZARD,

To the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia.

Which was read and ordered to be transmitted to Select Council.

Mr. Fraley—

From the Committee on Finance, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 47,) entitled

“An Ordinance relating to Loans.”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Fraley,—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

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Mr. Fraley—

From the same Committee, reported another bill, (Appendix, No. 48,) entitled

“An Ordinance relating to Salaries.”

Which was read.

And on motion, ordered to a second reading and consideration.

The first section was then agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had passed a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the rule which provides that Councils shall hold stated meetings every alternate Thursday, be suspended so far as requires that Councils shall meet on Thursday the 20th of July, and Thursday the 17th of August next.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was disagreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Mr. Perot—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be authorised and instructed to take measures to cause the water to be drained by a Culvert or otherwise, from a lot situate between Schuylkill Front and Second, High and Filbert streets, occa-

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sioned by the stopping of the aqueduct under Schuylkill Front street, by order of Councils, the same having been reported as a nuisance by the Board of Health.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

Mr. Price—

Moved to amend by striking out the words “authorised and instructed to take measures to cause the,” and insert, in lieu thereof, the following, “instructed to inquire what measures should be adopted to cause the.”

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Rowland—

Submitted a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby required to cause Taylor’s Alley to be repaved as soon as practicable.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways made a report, (Appendix, No. 49,) accompanied with three resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved or repaved, the following Streets and Alleys viz:

New Paving.

Clinton street, from Ninth to Tenth street,	\$1,213 00
Schuylkill Seventh street, from Locust to Pine,	2,600 00
Schuylkill Sixth street, from Spruce to Pine,	1,444 00
Schuylkill Fifth street, from Spruce to Pine,	1,444 00
Lewis street, from Schuylkill Fifth to Seventh street,	747 00
Ashton street, from Chesnut to George,	255 00

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Repaving.

Ninth street, from Sassafras to Vine street,	758 00
Delaware Sixth, from High to Chesnut,	586 00
Lombard, from Eighth to Ninth street,	485 00
Black Horse Alley, from Letitia Court to Front,	78 00
Letitia Court, the narrow part only,	50 00

2d. *Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions, viz:

One to pave Schuylkill Fifth, from Chesnut to Walnut.

“ “ Asylum street, from Broad to Schuylkill Eighth.

“ “ Ashton street, from High to Mulberry.

“ Factory street, from Willow to Beach.

“ St. David and Ashton streets, from Sassafras to Vine.

“ to repave Delaware Front, from Sassafras to Vine.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the other two petitions,* believing that the public interest does not at present, require the expenditure asked for.

Accompanied also, with a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Culvert in Minor street, between Delaware Fifth and Delaware Sixth streets, and in Delaware Fifth street, from Minor street to High.”

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the first resolution.

When it was agreed to.

The second reading of the second resolution was then ordered, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend by striking out “St. David and Ashton streets.”

Which was not agreed to.

* NOTE. The petitions alluded to are, one for a Culvert in Lombard street, between Delaware Fifth and Sixth; the other for a Culvert in Lombard, from Bank street to the Schuylkill. See the report in the Appendix, No. 49.

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Mr. Rowland—

Offered an amendment, to-wit:

Strike out “one to repave Delaware Front street, from Sas-safras to Vine street.”

Which amendment was lost.

The resolution was then carried.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the third resolution.

The same was then read and

Agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Moved that Council proceed to the further consideration of the bill attached to the report.

Which was agreed to.

The first and only section was then read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they concurred in the resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Public Highways, (made in Common Council,) on the evening of the 8th of June last, relative to the claim of Joseph Purden.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Stating further—

That they had concurred in the resolution to pave and repave certain streets, passed by Common Council at last meeting, (vide p. 102.)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Another message—

Informed that they had concurred in the bill from Common Council, at last meeting, entitled

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“ An Ordinance for the construction of a Culvert in Delaware Seventh street, from Spruce to Pine street.”

With an amendment, to-wit:

Strike out the word “ north,” in the 8th line, and insert the word “ south.”

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment.

When it was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Stating, also—

That they had concurred in the resolution, passed by Common Council at the last meeting, (see pp. 104,) directing the Committee on Public Highways to examine for repaving, certain streets.

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Rowland—

Made a motion, that when this Council adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Price--

In his place, on leave granted, read a bill, (Appendix, No. 50,) entitled

“ An Ordinance relating to Markets.”

And moved that the same lay on the table and be printed.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Rowland—

Submitted a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be authorised to present to the Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, a copy of the recently prepared map or chart of Delaware Avenue and the river front, and also one copy each to the Districts of Northern Liberties, Southwark, Moyamensing, Spring Garden and Kensington, and one to each of the members of Councils.

Which was read.

Council, on motion, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

And then they adjourned.

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Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Matthews,
Caldwell,	McCausland,
Ferguson,	Otis,
Fraley,	Perot,
Hinchman,	Price,
Hutchinson,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Thomason.

Ordered—

That the Journal of last meeting be corrected, by stating that Mr. Perot made the motion to adjourn to the ensuing Thursday, instead of Mr. Rowland.

Mr. Rowland—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens, setting forth the inconvenience they suffer from the bad state of the pavements in Coomb's Alley, and praying that said Alley, together with Chancery Lane, may be repaved.

Mr. Mather—

One, praying that Delaware Fourth, from Walnut to Spruce, and Prune from Fourth to Sixth, may be repaved.

Which were read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Lindsay—

A communication, signed G. A. Snyder and S. Kern, setting forth that in the month of September, 1818, they became the lessees of a lot on Water street by the Drawbridge, for the term of twenty-one years, that said property has been a loss to them and praying Councils to have their improvements thereon valued, and the lease cancelled.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hutchinson—

On leave granted, introduced in his place, a bill, (Appendix, No. 51,) entitled

“An Ordinance to alter and establish the regulation of Delaware Sixth street, between Walnut and Washington street.”

Which was read.

And on motion, Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof, when

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

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It was then, by special order, read a third time,
And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Made a motion that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of a bill reported by the Committee on Public Highways on the 30th March last, (see page 77,) entitled, “An Ordinance relating to the regulation of High street, from Water street to Delaware Avenue.”

Which was ordered.

The first and only section was then read, when

Mr. Hutchinson—

Moved to amend the same by striking out in the sixth line, “March 30,” and inserting in lieu thereof, “June 29.”

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended, was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Price--

Submitted the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, That the Watering Committee be and they are hereby directed to have constructed, a Fountain and Basin in Franklin Public Square and in Washington Public Square.

Which was read.

On motion of the same Gentleman—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

When it was agreed to.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had passed a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Select and Common Council be directed to cause to be filed, and annually bound in a folio volume, the original bills as acted upon by Council, and that such volume be preserved among the Archives of Councils.

Stating further—

That Select Council had passed the following:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Highways, received at last meeting, be returned to Common Council

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with information, that in its present mutilated form, Select Council cannot receive it.

Stating, also—

That they had passed three other resolutions, to-wit:

1st. *Resolved*, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved or repaved, the following Streets and Alleys, viz:

New Paving.

Clinton street, from Ninth to Tenth street,	\$1,213 00
Schuylkill Seventh street, from Locust to Pine,	2,600 00
Schuylkill Sixth street, from Spruce to Pine,	1,444 00
Schuylkill Fifth street, from Spruce to Pine,	1,444 00
Lewis street, from Schuylkill Fifth to Seventh street,	747 00
Ashton street, from Chesnut to George,	255 00

Repaving.

Ninth street, from Sassafras to Vine street,	758 00
Delaware Sixth, from High to Chesnut,	586 00
Lombard, from Eighth to Ninth street,	485 00
Black Horse Alley, from Letitia Court to Front,	78 00
Letitia Court, the narrow part only,	50 00

2d. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Highways be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions, viz:

One to pave Schuylkill Fifth, from Chesnut to Walnut.

“ “ Asylum street, from Broad to Schuylkill Eighth.

“ “ Ashton street, from High to Mulberry.

“ Factory street, from Willow to Beach.

“ St. David and Ashton streets, from Sassafras to Vine.

“ to repave Delaware Front, from Sassafras to Vine.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Highways be discharged from the further consideration of petitions, asking that Culverts may be constructed in Lombard street, between Delaware Fifth and Sixth, and in Lombard street, between Bank street and the river Schuylkill.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in the resolution from Common Council, authorising the presentation of copies of the Chart of Delaware Avenue and the river front, to certain Corporations, with an amendment, to-wit:

Add thereto the words “one to the Chamber of Commerce; one to the Merchant’s Exchange; one to the Franklin Institute, and one to the Board of Trade.”

Stating further—That they had passed the following:

Whereas, Paul Beck, Jr. Esq., having kindly loaned for the

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use of Councils, a Survey of the eastern front of the city, prepared at his own expense, including Delaware Avenue; therefore,

Resolved, That a copy of the recently prepared Map of the eastern front of the city, be presented to Paul Beck, Jr., Esq.

Stating, also—

That they had non-concurred in the resolution of Common Council, passed at last meeting, instructing the Committee on Public Highways to inquire what measures should be adopted to cause the water to be drained from the lot situate between Schuylkill Front and Second, High and Filbert streets.

Which was also read and laid on the table.

Mr. Mather—

Submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, That the Committee on Public Highways be, and they are hereby directed to cause to be removed forthwith, so much of the Rail Road in High street as remains between Eleventh and Third streets, and also that on Third and Dock streets, and direct the same to be repaved as soon as practicable.

Which was read.

Mr. Mather—

Moved that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same. Which was agreed to.

The division called for being ten in the affirmative, and five in the negative.

The resolution was then read a second time, and pending its consideration,

Mr. Mather—

Moved that it be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perot—

It was ordered that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill, (see page 100,) entitled
“An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance, authorising the construction of a Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets.”

The first section was then read, and, pending its consideration,

Mr. Otis—

Moved that Council adjourn, but withdrew the same, to allow Mr. Mather to lay the following amendment upon the table, to-wit:

Add to the end of the section the following: “except so much thereof as has been repaved between Broad and Eleventh streets.”

Council then, on motion,

Adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Sailor,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.
McCausland,	

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from Henry Reed, Esq., Secretary of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Pennsylvania, in the name of the Faculty, inviting Council to attend the Annual Commencement of that Institution on the 14th inst.

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Rowland, accepted.

Also, the following:

West Philadelphia, June 27, 1837.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council of the Borough of West Philadelphia be presented to the Common Council of the city of Philadelphia, for the copies of the Digest of the Ordinances of the city of Philadelphia, and for the Journal of Council.

ROBERT COMPTON.

(A Copy.)

Clerk.

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hinchman—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens praying that Schuylkill Ann street, between Spruce and Locust and Schuylkill Third and Fourth streets, may be paved.

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Another—

Praying that Lewis street, from Schuylkill Sixth to Seventh, may be regulated, curbed and paved.

Mr. Thomason—

One, soliciting that Gebhard street, from Sassafras street to Green Alley, as well as Green Alley, from Gebhard street to Schuylkill Seventh, may be paved immediately, the same being a nuisance for want of proper regulation.

Which were severally read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petitions of sundry citizens, requesting Councils to appropriate certain Stands for Furniture Wagons, (see page 80,) and the petition of Mr. E. Badger, (page 105,) on the subject of Market Wagons and Carts in Delaware Seventh street, made a report, (Appendix, No. 52,) adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be discharged from the further consideration of these subjects.

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in a resolution from

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Common Council, respecting Fountains, (see page 114,) with an amendment, to-wit:

Strike out the words "have constructed," and insert in their place, "inquire and report as to the expense and propriety of erecting."

Stating further—

That they had concurred in a bill (see page 108,) from this Council, entitled

"An Ordinance relating to Salaries."

With an amendment in section 1st, to-wit:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert "That the Collectors of vaccine cases shall be allowed for every case reported that shall be successfully vaccinated, the sum of fifty cents, provided the compensation arising thereby shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum; and over that amount, the sum of twenty-five cents for each case successfully treated."

Which was read and laid on the table.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled

"An Ordinance, making appropriations from the income of the Girard Estates."

Stating, also—

That Select Council had received an invitation from the Faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, to attend a Commencement on the 14th inst., and had passed a resolution accepting the same.

Which message was also read and laid on the table.

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Mr. Price—

In his place, on leave granted, introduced a bill, (Appendix, No. 53,) entitled

“ An Ordinance, relating to the Rail Road.”

Which was read.

Mr. Price--

Moved that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Mr. Mather—

Made a motion to postpone the consideration, and called for a division, upon which, it appeared that

Eight gentlemen voted in the affirmative, and

Eight in the negative.

Whereupon, the President gave the casting vote in the negative.

So the motion to postpone

Was lost.

And it was ordered that Council proceed to the second reading.

The first section was then read.

After some time, pending its consideration, Council, on motion of Mr. Mather,

Adjourned.

MONDAY, July 10, 1837.

Council met, having been specially called together for the purpose of considering the propriety of offering suitable accommodation to the convention, now sitting at Harrisburg, in the event of their adjourning to meet in the City of Philadelphia.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Matthews,
Caldwell,	McCausland,
Ferguson,	Otis,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Lindsay,	Rowland,
Mather,	Warner.

Mr. Fraley—

On leave granted, presented the petition of sundry Citizens, in the neighborhood of Spruce and Eighth street, suggesting the necessity of an inlet into the common sewer at the south east corner of said Spruce and Eighth streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Fraley—

Submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, information has been received from Harrisburg, that the Convention now sitting at that place, for the amendment of the State Constitution, have determined to adjourn on the 14th inst., and to re-assemble next Autumn, at some place hereafter to be designated; and the constituted authorities of the City of Philadelphia, believing that the great object of the said Convention, and the personal comforts of its members would be promoted by the selection of the City of Philadelphia, therefore,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Hall of Independence, or such other building as may be selected by the Convention, be respectfully offered for their use at the expense of the Corporation, and that the Committee on City Property be authorised to make all necessary arrangements for their accomodation.

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Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolution be signed by the Presidents of Councils, and transmitted to the President of the Convention.

Which was read.

Council, on motion, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first resolution was agreed to.

The second resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

So they passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Rowland—

On leave, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Councils will assemble at the City Hall on Friday next, the 14th inst., at 9½ A. M., to proceed to the Commencement of the University of Pennsylvania, agreeably to invitation of the Faculty.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley—

Made a motion that when Council adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Thursday evening next.

Which was ordered.

And then they adjourned.

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Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	Matthews,
Andrews,	McCausland,
Caldwell,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland.
Lindsay,	Sailor,
Mather,	Thomason.
	Warner,

Mr. Hinchman—

Made a motion that the rule of Councils, relative to adjourned and special meetings, be suspended this evening so far as relates to the presentation of petitions, and reports of Committees.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Presented a memorial from the Board of Health, setting forth a nuisance at Pine street wharf, arising from the manner in which the street dirt is there delivered, and asking that measures may be taken to prevent its occurrence in future.

Referred to Committee on Cleansing the City.

Mr. Price—

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, (under the superintendence of the Committee on Public Highways,) to cause Jones' Alley from Delaware Front to Second streets to be repaved.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same,

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

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Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a Report, (Appendix, No. 54,) accompanied with a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause the following streets and alleys to be regulated, curbed, and paved, or repaved as required.

For New Paving.

Schuylkill Third street, from Chesnut to Walnut street,	\$ 1548
Harmstead street, from Schuylkill Second to Schuylkill Fourth,	747
Gebhard street, from Sassafras to Green Alley,	202
Green Alley, from Gebhard street to Schuylkill Seventh,	130
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	\$ 2627

For Repaving.

Delaware Fourth street, from Spruce to Walnut,	975
Prune street, from Del. Fourth to Del. Fifth street,	448
Lombard, from Del. Third to Del. Fourth street,	485
Taylor's Alley, from Del. Second to Del. Front,	112
Coomb's Alley, from Del. Second to Del. Front,	120
Chancery Lane, from Coomb's Alley to Mulberry street,	65
Dock street, from east side of Delaware Avenue to a point about 210 feet north of the Tobacco Ware House,	2133
Spruce street, from west side of Little Dock street, to east side of Front street,	196
Delaware Front street, from south side of Spruce to a point 100 feet north of Dock street,	234
Water street, about 50 feet north and south of Dock street,	80
Little Dock, from Spruce street to north side of Tobacco Ware House,	133
Delaware Avenue, from Dock street to a point 100 feet northward,	93
Delaware Fifth street, from Chesnut to Walnut street,	572
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	\$ 5646

Which was read.

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Council, on motion, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Price—

Made a motion that Council now proceed with the further consideration of a bill, (see page 120,) entitled

“An Ordinance relating to the Rail Road.”

Which was lost,—

There not being two-thirds in favour of taking it up, as the rule requires.

Mr. Fraley—

Moved that Council adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Mather—

Moved that Council proceed in the consideration of a bill, (see page 116,) entitled

“An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance, authorising the construction of a Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets.”

And called for the ayes and noes on the motion.

Which were ordered.

And were

Ayes,—Fraley, Hutchinson, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, McCausland, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—10.

Noes,—Messrs. Anderson, Andrews, Caldwell, Ferguson, Hinchman, Otis, Price, Rawle and Warner,—9.

So the motion was lost, two-thirds not voting in favour of it.

Mr. Warner—

Made a motion that Council now adjourn.

Upon which motion the ayes and noes were called, and were

Ayes,—Messrs. Anderson, Hinchman, Mather, McCausland, Otis, Price, Warner,—7.

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Noes,—Messrs. Andrews, Caldwell, Ferguson, Fraley, Hutchinson, Lindsay, Matthews, Perot, Rawle, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—12.

So Council refused to adjourn.

Ordered, That Council proceed to the consideration of the message from Select Council, on the evening of June 29th, (vide pages 114-15.)

Whereupon Mr. Price—

Moved that Council non-concur in the resolution directing the Clerks of Councils to cause to be filed, and annually bound, the original bills as acted upon by Council.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred in the Resolution.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution, (page 115,) directing the City Commissioners to pave certain streets.

Which was read and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

The Resolution discharging the Committee on Public Highways from the further consideration of petitions to pave certain streets, and the resolution discharging the same Committee from the consideration of petitions for certain culverts, (see page 115.)

Were then read and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

On motion of Mr. Price—

Council concurred in the amendments of Select Council to the Resolution directing the presentation of copies of the chart of Delaware Avenue, and the river front to certain corporations.

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And, also—

In the Resolution directing the presentation of a copy of the same to P. Beck, Jr., Esq.

Ordered, That Council proceed to the consideration of the message from Select Council on the evening of July 6th.

When on motion of Mr. Fraley—

Council concurred in the amendment of Select Council to the resolution (page 119,) respecting Fountains.

Mr. Fraley—

Made a motion that Council non-concur in the amendment (see pp. 118, 119,) of Select Council to the bill, entitled

“An Ordinance relating to Salaries.”

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Mr. Fraley—

Then renewed the motion that Council proceed with the further consideration of the bill, (see page 116,) entitled

“An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance, authorising the construction of a Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets.”

Which was agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Mather—

Called up the amendment, laid by him on the table on the evening of the 29th of June, to wit:

Add to the end of the section the following, “Except so much thereof as has been repaved between Broad and Eleventh streets.”

Which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the section as amended,

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Mr. Fraley—

Called for the ayes and noes, which were

Ayes,—Messrs. Hutchinson, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, McCausland, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—9.*Noes*,—Messrs. Anderson, Andrews, Caldwell, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Otis, Price, Rawle, Warner,—10.

So the first section was lost.

The second section was then read, which

Mr. Mather—

Moved to amend by adding thereto after the last word, as follows:—"Except so much thereof as has been repaved between Broad and Eleventh streets."

Which amendment was agreed to.

The question was then taken upon the section as amended.

When the same was lost.

The ayes and noes which were called for, being

Ayes,—Messrs. Hutchinson, Lindsay, Mather, Matthews, McCausland, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—9.*Noes*,—Messrs. Anderson, Andrews, Caldwell, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Otis, Price, Rawle, Warner,—10.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. Fraley—

Then renewed the motion that Council proceed to the further consideration of the bill, (see page 120,) entitled

"An Ordinance relating to the Rail Road."

Which was agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Price—

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "engineer," and insert the following:

"And the construction of a Rail Road on the south side of

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the Market Houses in High street, be and the same are hereby repealed;—and that the Committee on Public Highways are forthwith directed to carry into effect the Ordinance enacted December, 24th, 1835, and cause the said Rail Road as modified by this Ordinance, to be constructed with Stone Sills and Iron Rails, for which purpose the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and the proceeds of the materials of the present Rail Road are hereby appropriated.”

Which was read.

Pending the consideration of the same,

Mr. Mather—

Rose and stated, that a member (Mr. Caldwell,) when the bill for repealing the Ordinance authorising the construction of a Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets, was under consideration, had voted under a mistake, and moved that Mr. Caldwell have leave to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative.

The President—

Declared the motion to be out of order, until the business now before Council was either decided on, or postponed.

Mr. Mather—

Then moved that the further consideration of the amendment to the bill now before Council, and the bill itself be postponed,

Which was agreed to:

The division being

10 in the affirmative,

8 in the negative,

So they were postponed.

Mr. Mather—

Then made a motion that Mr. Caldwell have leave to change his vote upon the bill repealing the Ordinance, authorising a Rail Road to be constructed in High, Third and Dock streets, he having voted in the negative under a mistake, caused by a temporary defect of hearing.

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Mr. Fraley—

Objected to the motion being entertained, alledging the same to be out of order.

The President—

Decided that the motion was in order.

Whereupon an appeal was taken by Messrs. Fraley and Price.

Who called for the ayes and noes on the question, which were

Ayes,—Messrs. Anderson, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, Lindsay, McCausland, Otis, Price, Warner,—10.

Noes,—Messrs. Andrews, Mather, Matthews, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—7.

So the appeal was sustained, and the decision of the chair reversed.

The President and Mr. Caldwell declining to vote.

Mr. Price—

Moved that Council now adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Fraley—

Moved that Council resume the consideration of the Ordinance relating to the Rail Road, just postponed,

Which was lost.

Mr. Price—

Then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a copy of the chart of Delaware Avenue, and the river front, be presented to the Board of Health.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

It was agreed to.

And then on motion,

They adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Caldwell,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Sailor,
Mather,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.

Mr. Lindsay—

Presented a petition signed by sundry Citizens, calling the attention of Councils to the intersection of Thirteenth and Cedar streets, and praying that some means may be devised to carry off the water which there accumulates, to the injury of property, &c.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a petition asking Councils for the use of a Public Hall, for a National Convention of business men, about being held in this City, and had referred the same to the

Committee on City Property with power to act.

Which was read.

And Common Council concurred.

Mr. Price—

Moved that Council proceed to the consideration of an item of unfinished business from Select Council on the evening of the 6th inst., (see page 119,) to wit: a bill entitled

“An Ordinance making appropriations from the income of the Girard Estates.”

Which was ordered,

And the bill read.

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On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

The first and only section was agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

And on the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Price—

Made a motion that Council proceed to the further consideration of the bill, (see page 128,) entitled

"An Ordinance relating to the Rail Road."

Which was agreed to.

The question occurring upon the amendment offered by Mr. Price at the last meeting, (pp. 128,)

Dr. Matthews—

Called for the ayes and noes,

Which were ordered.

And were

Ayes,—Messrs. Caldwell, Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, Lindsay, McCausland, Otis, Price, Rawle, Sailor, Warner,—13.

Noes,—Messrs. Matthews, Perot, Rowland, Thomason,—4.

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So the amendment was agreed to.

The section as amended,

Was then agreed to.

The ayes and noes which were called for by Mr. Perot, being

Ayes,—Messrs. Caldwell, Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, Lindsay, McCausland, Otis, Price, Rawle, Sailor, Warner,—13.

Noes,—Messrs. Matthews, Perot, Rowland, Thomason,—4.

The second section was then read,

And on motion of Mr. Price—

Stricken from the bill.

The title was then agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, on motion, read a third time, and on the question “Shall this bill pass?”

Mr. Rowland—

Called for the ayes and noes, which were ordered, and were

Ayes,—Messrs. Caldwell, Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, Lindsay, McCausland, Otis, Price, Rawle, Sailor, Warner,—13.

Noes,—Messrs. Matthews, Perot, Rowland, Thomason,—4.

So the bill was passed.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had passed a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be au-

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thorised to contract with Mr. Isaac Knight for the paving of one square in this City, upon a plan recommended by him.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Warner—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same,

When it was disagreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, (Appendix to Select Council, No. 26,) and passed the resolution annexed, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be authorised to obtain plans for a City Hall, with an estimate of cost, and to inquire for, and report upon a suitable site for the edifice.

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

It was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in a Resolution passed by this Council on the evening of the 13th inst., (page 130,) authorising the presentation of a copy of the Chart of Delaware Avenue and the river front, to the Board of Health.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Another message stated—

That Select Council insisted upon their amendment to the bill from this Council, (see page 119,) entitled

“An Ordinance relating to Salaries,”

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And had appointed Messrs. Wiegand and Keating a Committee of Conference.

Which was read,

And Messrs. Fraley and Rowland appointed on the Committee on behalf of Common Council.

Mr. Hinchman—

Submitted a resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paving with wood so much of any street, (within the paved limits of the City) as may be in the immediate vicinity of any Church, or other house of religious worship.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in the same, with an amendment, to wit, add after the last word as follows:

“And also that the Committee on Public Highways be directed to inquire into the expediency of having a square paved with brick, upon a plan recommended by Mr. Isaac Knight, with power to act.”

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment.
When

Mr. Fraley—

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the same.

Which was agreed to.

The division called for, being

Nine in the affirmative.

Six in the negative.

So Common Council non-concurred in the amendment.

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Mr. Mather—

Asked leave to make a motion, that he have liberty to record his vote on the bill, entitled

“ An Ordinance relating to the Rail Road.”

The Chair decided the request to be out of order, the Gentleman not having arrived until after the question had been decided.

Whereupon an appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair.

And the ayes and noes which were called for, ordered, and were

Ayes,—Messrs. Caldwell, Mather, Matthews, Perot, Rowland, Sailor, Thomason,—7.

Noes,—Messrs. Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Hinchman, Hutchinson, Lindsay, McCausland, Otis, Price, Warner,—10.

The President declined voting.

So the appeal was lost, and the decision of the Chair sustained.

Mr. Perot—

Offered a resolution to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to cause Delaware Fifth street, between Chesnut and Walnut streets, to be paved with wood.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same. When

Mr. Mather—

Moved that the Resolution be postponed.

Which was agreed to,

On a division of

Thirteen Gentlemen in the affirmative.

Four in the negative,

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 3, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	McCausland,
Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rawle,
Hutchinson,	Rowland,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.
Matthews,	

The President—

Laid before Council a letter from H. B. Montague, of Richmond, Virginia, relative to the appointment of a Tobacco Inspector.

Read and referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fraley—

Presented a petition from the Diligent Fire Company, and citizens in the vicinity, praying that Filbert street, between Tenth and Eleventh, may be repaved during the present season.

Mr. Hutchinson—

One, praying that Eleventh street, from Chesnut to Walnut, may be repaved.

Mr. Thomason—

One, praying that Drinker's Alley may be repaved, and in such a manner, as to allow of a curb, and foot pavement on the north side the entire length of the Alley.

All of which were severally read and

Referred to the Committee on Public Highways.

Dr. Mathews—

One, from the members of the Assistance Fire Engine Company, soliciting Councils to grant them a permanent location for their Apparatus, between Delaware Fourth and Sixth, and Arch and Vine streets.

Referred to Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Mr. Fraley—

From the Watering Committee, (to whom was referred a resolution respecting Fountains in the Public Squares,) made a report, (Appendix, No. 55,) accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Watering Committee be, and they are hereby authorised to erect a Basin and Fountain in Franklin

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Square, the expense of which not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Which was read.

Council, on motion, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 56,) accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause Butler's Avenue, leading into Juniper street, north of Pine street, to be paved, and Willing's Alley, from Delaware Third to Delaware Fourth street, to be repaved.

And also, a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, authorising the construction of certain Culverts.”

Which were read.

And on motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution. Which,

Mr. Fraley—

Moved to amend, by inserting after the word “street,” in the third line, the following words, “and Ashton street, between High and Filbert streets.”

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill attached to the report.

The first and only section was then read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

And passed.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 17, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Crissy,	Otis,
Ferguson,	Perot,
Fraley,	Price,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Sailor,
Mather,	Warner.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Warner was called to the Chair, who laid before Council,

A communication from Lewis Paleske, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Ice Boat, inviting Council to be present at the launch of the same, on Saturday, the 19th inst.

Which was read and accepted.

Also—

A communication from H. B. Montague, of Richmond, relative to the inspection of Tobacco.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Price--

Presented a petition, signed by sundry citizens, praying that Delaware Front street, between Walnut and Chesnut streets, may be repaved.

Also—

A communication from Moses B. Smith, M. D., relative to the inlets to the Common Sewer, at Sixth and Vine streets.

Mr. Hutchinson—

A petition from the owners and occupiers of property on Cedar street, between Delaware Sixth and Seventh streets, soliciting the attention of Councils to that square.

Mr. Otis—

One from citizens residing in Vine street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, setting forth the necessity of a Culvert in that neighbourhood, and praying that one may be constructed.

All of which were read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Otis—

From the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans, made a report, (Appendix, No. 57,) accompanied with a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, making appropriations for the building of the Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1837.”

Which was read.

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On motion of Mr. Otis—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same,

The first and only section was then read, which

Mr. Mather—

Moved to amend in the first line, by striking out “\$100,000,” and inserting “20,000.”

Mr. Hinchman—

Called for a division of the question.

Which was ordered.

The motion to “strike out one hundred thousand,”

Was then agreed to.

Mr. Mather—

Then moved to fill the blank with “\$20,000.”

Which was agreed to

On a division of Six in the affirmative,

Five in the negative.

So the amendment was agreed to.

And the question recurring on the section as amended.

Messrs. Price and Otis—

Called for the ayes and noes, Which were ordered,

And were,

Ayes,—Messrs. Crissy, Ferguson, Fraley, Mather, Perot, Rowland,—6.*Noes*,—Messrs. Hinchman, Hutchinson, Otis, Price, Sailor, Warner,—6.

So the section as amended, was lost.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had passed a bill, entitled “An Ordinance, authorising the lighting of Washington Square, and parts of streets immediately adjacent thereto, with Gas.”

Which was read.

And on motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, on motion, read a third time,

And passed.

So Common Council concurred.

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Another message—

Informed that Select Council had received a communication from the Managers of Wills Hospital, with a document on the subject of Furnaces, and had referred the same to the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, with power to act.

Which was read.

And Common Council concurred.

The message further informed—

That Select Council had received a report from the Committee of Conference on the bill from Common Council, relating to Salaries, (see page 134,) and had agreed to the amendment proposed by the Committee thereto, to-wit, add the following to 1st section:

“Provided that the whole compensation to be paid to said Collectors shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.”

Which was read and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

The message also stated—

That Select Council insisted upon their amendment to a resolution from Common Council, relative to paving with wood in the vicinity of Churches, (see page 135,) and had appointed Messrs. Dunlap and Elliott a Committee of Conference on the same.

Common Council, on motion, concurred, and appointed
Messrs. Hinchman and Otis.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in the resolutions, (see page 137,) authorising the construction of a Basin and Fountain in Franklin Square.

Read and laid on the table.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in the bill attached to the report of the Committee on Public Highways made in Common Council at last meeting, with an amendment, to-wit.

Add thereto, the words,

“Fourth, a Culvert from the south side of Spruce street, along Eighth street to the south side of Elizabeth street, diameter not exceeding four feet, \$600.

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Was disagreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

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The message further informed—

That Select Council had concurred in the resolution annexed to the same report, with an amendment, to-wit:

Strike out the word "Filbert," in the Fourth line, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "Mulberry."

Which was read,

And on motion of Mr. Hutchinson—Agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley—

In his place, on leave granted, introduced a bill, (Appendix, No. 58,) entitled

"An Ordinance, making appropriations for the building of the Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1837,"

Which was read.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had concurred in the same with an amendment, to-wit: strike out the word "thirty," in the first line, and insert in place thereof, "sixty."

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment, and the question being upon agreeing to the same,

The ayes and noes were ordered, and were,

Ayes,—Messrs. Hinchman, Hutchinson, Otis, Sailor, Warner,—5.

Noes,—Messrs. Crissy, Fraley, Mather, Perot, Price, Rowland,—6.

So Common Council refused to concur in the amendment.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they insisted upon their amendment, and had appointed Messrs. Wiegand and McCredy a Committee of Conference on the subject.

Common Council concurred, and appointed Messrs. Price and Otis.

And then, on motion,

Adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Andrews,	Otis,
Crissy,	Perot,
Ferguson,	Rawle,
Fraley,	Rowland,
Hinchman,	Sailor,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Matthews,	Warner.
McCausland,	

Mr. Fraley—

Presented a petition from sundry citizens, praying that the present Stand for Drays at Delaware Third and High streets, may be vacated, and some other place selected for the same.

Read and referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Lindsay—

One, praying that Delaware Fifth street, from Pine to Cedar street, may be repaved.

Mr. McCausland—

One, praying that Delaware Third, from Spruce to Union, may be repaved.

Mr. Andrews—

One, soliciting Councils to construct a Culvert in Delaware Eighth street, from Spruce to Pine street.

All of which were read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hinchman—

A memorial from sundry citizens, setting forth the case of Mrs. Mary Savell, principal nurse at the Bush Hill Hospital, during the fever of 1793, now aged and destitute, and praying Councils to furnish means to relieve her necessities.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Legacies and Trusts, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation from the Fever fund, in compliance with the prayer of the memorialist.

Mr. Otis—

A memorial from William Strickland on behalf of the Philadelphia and United States Banks, soliciting Councils to

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have the grading of Chesnut street, from Delaware Fourth to Fifth street altered, and said square paved with wood.

Referred to Committee on Public Highways, with power to act.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

A petition from owners of property in the vicinity, praying that Farr street may be regulated, curbed and paved.

Also—

One, praying Councils to construct a Culvert in said Farr street.

Both of which were read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways with power to act.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

From the Committee on Police, reported a bill, (Appendix, No. 59,) entitled

“A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relative to the payment of the City Police, passed January 28, 1836.”

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Fraley—

Made a motion, that Council reconsider the amendment of Select Council, to the bill, “entitled an Ordinance, author-

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ising the construction of certain Culverts," disagreed to at last meeting, (vide page 141.)

Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraley—

Then moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Elizabeth street," and inserting "Pine street."

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred with an amendment.

In which amendment, Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, and passed a bill thereto annexed, entitled

"An Ordinance, making further appropriations for the Committee on City Property."

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Perot—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

When Mr. Hinchman—

Made a motion, that the further consideration be postponed, and the bill laid on the table.

Which was lost.

The title was then agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then read a third time,

And passed.

So Common Council concurred.

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Another message—

Informed that Select Council had received a report from the Committee of Conference, appointed at last meeting, upon the bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, making appropriations for the building of the Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1837,”

(See page 142,) and had agreed to the amendment proposed by the Committee, to-wit: Strike out, in the first line, the word “thirty,” and insert in lieu of it, the word “fifty.”

Which was read and laid on the table.

A similar report being made in this Council, by Mr. Otis, from same Committee.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fraley—

On leave granted, introduced in his place, a bill, (Appendix, No. 60,) entitled

“An Ordinance to supply the appropriations made for the construction of the Girard College for Orphans.”

Which was read.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

And then Common Council adjourned.

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Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Perot,
Caldwell,	Price,
Fraley,	Rawle,
Hinchman,	Rowland,
Hutchinson,	Sailor,
Lindsay,	Thomason,
Mather,	Warner.
Matthews,	

The President—

Laid before Council, a communication from the Board of Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans, asking for an appropriation for the payment of salaries, the purchase of books and the contingent expenses during the ensuing year.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hutchinson—

A petition, numerously signed by sundry citizens, praying Councils to make a gravel walk across Independence Square, from Library street to George street.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Thomason—

From the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, made a report, (Appendix, No. 61,) accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the management and proper execution of the several bequests and trusts made to the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, and now under the care of the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, which appropriation shall be paid from the Treasury on the requisition of the said Committee.

And also, a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, relating to the Boudinot Lands, for the purpose of supplying the poor with fuel at Summer prices.”

Which were read.

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On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

When it was agreed to.

Mr. Rowland—

Submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the report of the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, made this evening, be printed in pamphlet form.

Which was read.

Council, on motion, proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it was agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 62,) accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed, to have regulated, curbed and paved, the following streets, viz:

Third street, from Walnut to Union street,	\$1,317 00
Cedar street, from Sixth to Seventh street,	500 00
Spruce street, from Eleventh to Twelfth,	480 00
Jefferson Avenue, running west from Broad street, north of Walnut street,	80 00
Howard or Patterson street, from Thirteenth street to Juniper,	200 00

Which was read.

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Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof. When

Mr. Caldwell—

Moved to amend the same, by adding thereto,

“Schuylkill Fifth street, from Chesnut to Walnut street.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Also moved to amend, by adding

“Drinker’s Alley, from Front to Second street.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Rowland—

Proposed a further amendment, to-wit, add thereto,

“Hartung’s Alley from Second to Third street.”

Which was also agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was then read a second time and

Agreed to.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance, making an appropriation for the organization
of the Girard College for Orphans.”

Which was read.

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On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was then agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Hinchman—

In his place, introduced a bill, (Appendix, No. 63,) entitled

“ A further supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance,
relative to the payment of the City Police.”

Which was read and laid on the table.

And then Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 28, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Otis,
Caldwell,	Perot,
Crissy,	Price,
Ferguson,	Rawle,
Fraley,	Rowland,
Hinchman,	Sailor,
Hutchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.
Matthews,	

Mr. Price—

Submitted a communication from sundry citizens, setting forth obstructions made and making to the navigation of the river Schuylkill, near Gray's Ferry, and soliciting Councils to take some action in the matter.

Also—

A petition from the victuallers occupying Stalls in the High street Market, between Third and Seventh streets, praying that the curtains to their Stalls may be made permanent, as their daily removal subject them to much inconvenience.

Which were read and

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Crissy—

A petition, numerously signed by citizens in the vicinity, praying Councils to continue the Culvert now making in Minor street, along Delaware Sixth street to Chesnut.

Mr. Otis—

One, praying that a new street, called Ritner street, may be graded, curbed and paved.

Mr. Thomason—

A communication from the owners and occupiers of pro-

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perty on the south side of Drinker's Alley, remonstrating against the curbing of said Alley.

Which were severally read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

Mr. Hutchinson—

From the Committee on Public Highways, made a report, (Appendix, No. 64,) accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be directed to adjust and settle the account of George G. Leiper.

And three bills, viz:

“An Ordinance relating to the regulation of Ascents and Descents in Mulberry Alley and Farr street.”

“An Ordinance authorising the Commissioners of the district of Spring Garden, to construct a Sewer in Vine street.”

“An Ordinance authorising the construction of a Sewer in Delaware Sixth street, from Chesnut to Minor street.”

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

When it was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hutchinson—

Then made a motion, that Council proceed to the further consideration of the first bill attached to the report, regulating the ascents, &c. in Farr street and Mulberry Alley.

Which was agreed to.

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The first section was then read and agreed to.

The second section was agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to the second reading of the Ordinance, authorising the Commissioners of Spring Garden to construct a Sewer in Vine street.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Hutchinson—

Moved to amend the same by adding thereto, after the word “Garden,” in the last line, the following words:

“Under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways.”

Which was agreed to.

The section, as amended, was then agreed to.

The second section was then read,

Which Mr. Thomason—

Moved to amend by adding to the end of the same, as follows:

“Provided that the repaving of said street shall be done by and at the expense of the city.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

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The section; as amended, was then agreed to,

The title was then agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Ordered—

That Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the third bill attached to the report, viz: the Ordinance authorising the construction of a Sewer in Delaware Sixth street, from Minor to Chesnut street.

The first and only section was then agreed to,

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time,

And passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Thomason—

From the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, made a report (Appendix, No. 65,) upon the condition of the different Fire Engine and Hose Companies of the city, accompanied with a resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That four hundred dollars be appropriated to the Diligent Hose Company, and Fame Engine Company, as a special aid, to be divided between them in equal portions.

Which was read.

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On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof. When

Mr. Fraley—

Moved an amendment, to-wit:

Strike out “four hundred,” and insert “five hundred, three hundred of which to be appropriated to the Diligent Hose, and the residue to the Fame Engine.”

Mr. Price—

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out all of the same, and inserting in lieu of “four” hundred dollars, “Six hundred dollars.”

Mr. Fraley—

Accepted the same as a modification.

The amendment was then agreed to,

And the question being on the section as amended,

It was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in the resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, (see pages 147-S.)

And also in the resolution to print one hundred copies of said report in pamphlet form.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Another message—

Informed that they had received a communication from sundry citizens, relative to certain obstructions in the Schuylkill river, near Gray's Ferry, and had referred the same to a joint special Committee of Councils, and had appointed

Messrs. Williams,

Roach, and

Tiers,

On the Committee.

Which was read.

THURSDAY, September 23, 1837.

Mr. Fraley—

Made a motion, that Council reconsider the reference of a similar communication, referred by them this evening, to the Committee on City Property.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of same Gentleman—

Council then concurred in the reference of the same to a joint special Committee, and the Chair appointed

Messrs. Perot,

Anderson, and

Andrews,

On the Committee.

Mr. Hinchman—

Made a motion, that Council now proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill, (see page 150,) entitled

“A further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relative to the payment of the City Police.”

Which was ordered.

The first and only section was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then read a third time, and on the question, “Shall this bill pass?”

It was passed,

And Select Council concurred.

On motion of Mr. Fraley—

It was ordered that when Council adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Thursday evening next.

And then they adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 5, 1837.

Council met.

Present, Messrs. Anderson,	McCausland,
Andrews,	Perot,
Caldwell,	Price,
Crissy,	Rawle,
Ferguson,	Rowland,
Fraley,	Sailor,
Hutchinson,	Thomason,
Lindsay,	Warner.
Matthews,	

The President—

Laid before Council a communication from H. S. Tanner, asking permission to make use of certain original Charts, belonging to the city.

Which was read and

Referred to Committee on Public Highways.

A message from Select Council—

Informed that Select Council had concurred in a resolution of Common Council, to pave and repave certain streets, (see page 148,) with amendments, to-wit:

Insert in the seventh line, after the word “from,” the words “Eighth to Ninth.”

And to strike out the last line but one, to-wit:

“Drinker’s Alley from Front to Second street.”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson—

Council proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments.

And amended the same by adding thereto, after the last line, the following:

Delaware Fifth street, from Walnut to Cedar street.

Delaware Eleventh street, from Walnut to Chesnut.

Girard street.

So Common Council concurred in the amendment, with amendments.

In which amendments Select Council concurred.

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Another message—

Informed that Select Council had passed a resolution,
to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be instructed to consider the petitions in favor, and memorials against the paving and curbing of Drinkers Alley, with power to take order.

On motion—

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

When it passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Another message—

Informed that Select Council had received a report from the Committee on City Property, (vide Appendix to Select Council, No. ,) which they transmitted for the information of this Council.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Price—

Offered the following preamble and resolution:

At the close of the official year, the members of the Common Council, desirous of testifying their high sense of the dignified and impartial manner in which the presiding officer has conducted their deliberations; do, therefore,

Resolve, That the thanks of the Common Council be presented to William Rawle, the President of said Council, for the punctuality and faithfulness with which he has fulfilled the duties of the office during the year, and that the individual assurance of the respect and esteem of the members is hereby tendered to him.

Which was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

And the question being put from the Clerk's table,
Was adopted unanimously.

And then, on motion of Mr. Fraley—

Council adjourned.

A P P E N D I X

TO THE

JOURNAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

APPENDIX, No. 1.

(See page 11.)

A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the Committee on Public Highways be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to pay to Thomas Reeves, the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars, being the amount of damages awarded to him by the Jury, appointed to assess damages done by the opening of Delaware Avenue, between High and Mulberry streets.

Sec. 2. Be it ordained, &c. That the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars, out of the income of the fund appropriated, under the 22d item of the Will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the City and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expense of carrying into effect this Ordinance, to be paid in the manner that appropriations for Delaware Avenue are directed to be paid in the several Ordinances, to which this is a supplement.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN WIEGAND,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOSEPH T. MATHER.

juriously affecting the public interest; they, therefore, recommend to Councils the passage of the Ordinance attached to this report.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOS. T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON.

Philad. Nov. 10, 1836.

“An Ordinance to permit the Director of the United States Mint to construct a Culvert, and make an opening into the common Sewer in Juniper street.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Director of the United States Mint, at the expense of the United States, be and he is hereby permitted, (under the direction and superintendence of the City Commissioners, agreeably to a plan to be furnished by Samuel Hains, City Surveyor,) to construct a Culvert from the United States Mint, at the corner of Chestnut and Juniper streets, along Juniper street as far as the common Sewer, south side of High street, and there make an opening into said common Sewer, for the purpose of conveying the water from the United States Mint.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Ordinance passed the 10th day of June, 1830, entitled “An Ordinance, to permit the Director of the United States Mint to lay iron pipes, and make an opening into the common Sewer in Juniper street,” be and is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 1.

(See page 17.)

“An Ordinance to repeal certain Ordinances, relative to Market Wagons and Carts in Decatur street.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That an Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance for further regulating Market Carts in Decatur street,” passed January 5, 1833, and so much of any other Ordinance as appropriates said street as a Stand for Market Wagons and Carts, [and regulates the standing of the same therein, be and the same are hereby repealed. This Ordinance

to take effect from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.
JAMES CRISSY,
A. FERGUSON,
JOHN WIEGAND,
ISAAC ELLIOTT.

Nov. 7, 1836.

APPENDIX, No. 2.

“An Ordinance authorising R. M. Lewis to make an opening in the Public Sewer in Walnut street.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That R. M. Lewis have permission to lay an iron pipe, not exceeding three inches in diameter, from his house No. 266 Walnut street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, into the Sewer in front thereof: *Provided*, That the said opening shall be made under the direction of the City Commissioners, agreeably to a plan to be furnished by the City Recording Surveyor, and that all expenses in placing the street in good order, shall be paid by the said R. M. Lewis: *And provided, also*, That the said pipe shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of Councils, any Law or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPENDIX, No. 3.

City Commissioners' Office, }
December 8, 1836. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen,—

The City Commissioners respectfully state to Councils, that the following number of permits for placing building materials for the erection of new buildings within the city of Philadelphia, have been granted during the present year, and that the said buildings are of the descriptions and in the streets designated, viz:

Three story dwellings,	144	Banks,	2
Four story stores,	53	Five story malt house,	1
Five story stores,	15	Five story hotel,	1
Four story dwellings,	24	Eight story sugar house,	1
Three story stores,	10	Four story factory,	1
Churches,	4	Two story stores,	6
Carried over,	-	-	-
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Brought forward,	262	Four story back buildings,	2
Two story dwellings,	20	One story stores,	2
Three story factories,	3	Two story kitchens,	13
Two story shops,	7	One story shops,	2
Four story workshops,	2	Hose houses,	2
Two and a half story dwellings,	2	Engine house,	1
Three story school house,	1	Two story green house,	1
Two story school house,	1	Two story office,	1
Three story building for offices,	1	One story riding school,	1
Two story coach houses,	8	One story back buildings,	4
Two story stables,	5	One story offices,	3
Three story back buildings,	11	One story kitchens,	2
Two story back buildings,	11	One story dwelling,	1
		Total,	369

The said buildings are situated in the following streets, viz:

Water street,	8	Lombard street,	12
Front street,	9	Cedar street,	2
Second street,	15	York court,	1
Third street,	6	Apple Tree alley,	1
Fourth street,	11	Leiper's court,	1
Fifth street,	11	Pratt street,	1
Sixth street,	7	Jones street,	5
Seventh street,	5	Morgan street,	3
Eighth street,	12	Decatur street,	3
Ninth street,	2	St. James street,	3
Tenth street,	12	Bennet street,	3
Eleventh street,	9	Sheaff street,	1
Twelfth street,	10	Hunter street,	1
Thirteenth street,	8	Lewis street,	2
Juniper street,	3	Madison street,	3
Broad street,	3	Mary street,	1
Schuylkill Eighth street,	9	Linden street,	1
Schuylkill Seventh street,	2	Olive street,	1
Schuylkill Sixth street,	3	Branch street,	2
Schuylkill Fifth street,	7	Gaskill street,	1
Schuylkill Fourth street,	2	La Grange street,	1
Vine street,	7	Church alley,	3
Sassafras street,	8	Bonsall street,	3
Cherry street,	15	Union street,	2
Mulberry street,	9	Howard street,	2
Filbert street,	12	Oak street,	6
Commerce street,	7	Franklin street,	1
High street,	20	Pear street,	1
Chesnut street,	7	Quarry street,	1
Dock street,	3	Jacoby street,	2
George street,	3	North street,	2
Walnut street,	12	Little Pine street,	1
Locust street,	9	Cypress alley,	1
Spruce street,	10	Chester street,	1
Pine street,	18	Green street,	1
		Total,	369

The twelve four story Stores and Tobacco Warehouse now being erected by the City, at the foot of Dock street and on the Drawbridge lot are not included in the preceding list, no permits having been taken out for those buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the City Commissioners,

ROBERT H. SMITH,

City Clerk.

APPENDIX, No. 4.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance are informed by the City Treasurer, that the payment of several requisitions from the Committee on Public Highways, on Cleansing the City, and on Police, will cause the amounts, at the credit of those Committees, to be overdrawn. In the account of the Committee on Public Highways, the excess has been caused by the paving of a number of streets not included in their estimate; and the payments made by the Committee on Cleansing the City, have been increased by the extraordinary advances in the price of provender used in the public stables. The deficit in sum at the disposal of the Committee on Police, arises from an error in making up the estimate for the pay of the Watchmen and other officers under the direction of that Committee, only sixty Watchmen, instead of seventy, having been provided for, and the silent Watchmen entirely omitted. To meet the deficiencies, there is at the disposal of the Corporation, the sum of eight thousand dollars appropriated for expenditures by special Committees and not used therefor, and some contingent receipts not included in the estimated income of the year; and the Committee annex a resolution distributing the sum of seventeen thousand dollars to the Committees just named, to enable them to comply with the engagements made on behalf of the City. The Committee would further report, that in their opinion, it will be inexpedient to continue the officers of Corder and Deputy Corder of Wood at the Drawbridge Landing, as the completion of the public improvements at that place, to arrange that property entirely for commercial purposes, would leave those officers no duties to perform; and submit an Ordinance to discontinue those appointments after the 31st of December, 1836.

FRED. FRALEY,

JAMES ROWLAND,

A. FERGUSON,

JAMES CRISSY,

J. ROACH,

Philad., Dec. 8, 1836.

Committee on Finance.

“An Ordinance to abolish the offices of Corder and Receiver, and Deputy Corder and Receiver of Wood on the Delaware River.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That so much of the Ordinance passed the 8th day of March, 1832, entitled “An Ordinance, regulating the Cording of Wood and the rates of wharfage on public landings, as authorises the Mayor of the city to appoint a Corder and Receiver, and Deputy Corder and Receiver of Wood on the Delaware River, be repealed, and that from and after the thirty-first day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, the said officers of Corder and Receiver, and Deputy Corder and Receiver of Wood on the Delaware River, be and are hereby abolished.

APPENDIX, No. 5.

At a meeting of the Building Committee of the Girard College, held on Tuesday evening, December 20, 1836, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Chairman be instructed to report an Ordinance, to be presented at the next meeting of Councils, providing for an appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars towards meeting the current expenses in constructing the Girard College for Orphans.

“An Ordinance making an appropriation for the building of the Girard College, for Orphans.”

Be it ordained and enacted, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended in constructing the Girard College for Orphans during the current year.

APPENDIX, No. 6.

The Committee on Police having had under consideration the petition referred to them from sundry individuals, purporting to be a Committee of the City Watch, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That they have given to the said petition that mature reflection which the subject and the meritorious services of that useful class of citizens seemed to require, and regret to say, they

are made but too sensible of the many inconveniences and privations, to which, in the present season of high prices, the Watchmen, in common with other large portions of the community, are subjected. But the Watchmen, it is believed, cannot reasonably expect to be exempt from the various difficulties and privations which others in similar circumstances, are from like causes, daily experiencing; and as their wages have been, only a few months since, advanced from twenty-eight dollars per month, to three hundred and sixty-five dollars per annum, and partly with a reference to contingencies of the present nature, the Committee do not feel justified in recommending at the present time, any further increase. The duties of Watchmen require vigilance, and at inclement seasons are exposing; but under the present arrangement of the Police, they are not of a nature to deprive them of all opportunities of engaging in other employments during a considerable portion of the day. On the contrary, it is understood that most, if not all may, and perhaps do employ themselves advantageously in other pursuits, the compensation for which, when added to that received from the city, makes their situation greatly preferable to many others of equally good character and capacities, but who are not so fortunate as to enjoy the additional advantages possessed by the petitioners.

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.
A. FERGUSON,
J. ROACH,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
ISAAC ELLIOTT,
JAMES CRISSY.

December 19, 1836.

APPENDIX, No. 7.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of the Clerks of High street Market, asking for an increase of their salaries, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have duly considered the subject referred to them, and are decidedly of the opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant their request.

The present salary of these officers is seven hundred and fifty dollars each, per annum, payable monthly; and they are further entitled, by an act of the Legislature, to one third of all such

articles as may be seized in pursuance of the duty imposed upon them. The value of the receipts from the source last named, the Committee have no means of estimating with precision, since it must depend in some degree, upon the vigilance of the officers themselves, as well as upon the various fluctuations, both in the quantity and prices of the articles to which their attention is by law directed. It is believed, however, that enough is obtained from this source to make their whole compensation equal to eight or nine hundred dollars per annum, and this the Committee suppose to be a full equivalent for the services rendered. The duties of the office do not appear to require such constant attention, as to render its acceptance incompatible with other pursuits, nor are there any heavy responsibilities incurred. For these reasons, the Committee believe that Councils would not be justified in granting the prayers of the petitioners. And they, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

A. FERGUSON,

JAMES CRISSY,

J. ROACH,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

ISAAC ELLIOTT.

December 19, 1836.

APPENDIX, No. 8.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens, asking that the *north* side of Carpenter street may be made a stand for empty Market Carts and Wagons,

REPORT:

That they have examined the matter referred to them, and are constrained to say, that the request of the petitioners cannot be granted without infringing upon the rights of others. Carpenter's street is but a few inches over *eighteen feet* in width, between the curb stones; and as the *south side* is already appropriated as a stand for the Carts and Wagons above mentioned, it is obvious that if the *north side* should also be occupied in the same manner, the space between would be insufficient to admit of the passage of other vehicles, and thus the street would be diverted from its original and legitimate purposes, as a public highway, free for the passage and use of all, and converted into an appendage to some tavern, in the stables of which, the horses of these Market Carts and Wagons, would probably

be accommodated. To promote private ends by such means would not, as the Committee believe, be in accordance with the views of public duty entertained by Councils. Nor do the apprehensions of the petitioners, or the arguments used by them in support of their application, appear to be well founded. To the countrymen, to whom we are indebted for the valuable products with which our markets are supplied, it cannot be a serious matter whether their empty vehicles shall stand in *Carpenter street*, or in *Zane*, or *Filbert street*, or in Fifth, Fourth or Mulberry streets—in all of which, ample space is already provided for their use by existing Ordinances. It appearing, however, to the Committee, as well from the statements in the petition alluded to, as from other sources, that those interested, are not generally informed either as to the extent, or the location of the stands already provided for the accommodation of the Carts and Wagons referred to; they have, by a resolution, directed the City Commissioners to publish, in the form of handbills, to be posted in suitable public places, a complete list of the streets and stands now appropriated for that purpose.

The Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

A. FERGUSON,

JAMES CRISSY,

J. ROACH,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

ISAAC ELLIOTT.

December 19, 1836.

APPENDIX, No. 9.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, on the 20th August, 1836, the petition of Susanna Reed, asking an allowance on the Tax duplicate placed in the hands of her late husband Samuel Reed, for collection, having, on investigation of the subject, found that the unpaid balance on the said duplicate is entirely beyond the ability of the petitioner to collect, and account for, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, be authorised to allow the unpaid balance, (say \$194 00,) on the duplicate for Taxes, for the year 1832, for New Market and Pine Wards, and placed in the

hands of the late Samuel Reed for collection, as the same now stands on the books of the City Treasurer.

FRED. FRALEY,
A. FERGUSON,
H. J. WILLIAMS,
J. ROACH,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
JAMES CRISSY,

Philad., Dec. 22, 1836.

Committee on Finance.

APPENDIX, No. 10.

“An Ordinance relating to Market Houses.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That so much of “An Ordinance, relating to Market Houses,” enacted September 8, 1836, as provides “That a Cupola shall be placed on the western extremity of said Market House, for the accommodation of a Public Clock, with two dials, looking east and west,” be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 11.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance, agreeably to the provisions of the Ordinance for auditing and controlling the expenditures of the City, submit the following estimate of the amount required to defray the expenses of the department under their charge for the present year:

For interest on the City Debt, \$470,000, at 6 per cent,	\$28,206 00
For interest on \$2,220,500, at 5 per cent,	111,025 00
For the Sinking Fund,	25,000 00
For Salaries of the Officers of the Corporation,	17,400 00
For interest on money to be borrowed this year,	5,000 00
For incidental expenses,	5,000 00
	<u>\$191,631 00</u>

FRED. FRALEY,
JAMES CRISSY,
A. FERGUSON.
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
JAMES ROWLAND,
HENRY J. WILLIAMS,

Philad., Jan. 5, 1837.

Committee on Finance.

APPENDIX, No. 12.

The Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans, to the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, respectfully ask leave to

REPORT:

That the work under their charge has progressed during the past year to their entire satisfaction. All the contracts in connection with the several buildings have been faithfully executed, and no exertions have been spared to render this stupendous structure one of the most permanent edifices of the age in which we live.

This beautiful work of art will form (when completed,) an object of the highest interest, especially to Philadelphians, inasmuch as no country on earth can boast a purer specimen of architecture, or a more substantial and elegantly wrought memorial to convey to distant ages the spirit of the present times.

The report of the Architect to this Committee, furnishes a clear and concise account of the operations of the past year; we, therefore, take the liberty of referring you to that document for further information on the subject.

We cannot close this report without adding another testimony in favour of our estimable Architect, Thomas U. Walter, Esq.; nothing has afforded us greater gratification than to observe the skill, good taste and faithfulness, with which he manages this colossean work.

We also notice with peculiar satisfaction, the commendation that Mr. Walter bestows upon the Superintendents of the mechanical branches; these gentlemen have merited our entire approbation and confidence.

The Committee beg leave further to remark, that it is their intention to suffer no means in their power to remain unemployed, to expedite the speedy completion of the work.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ISAAC OTIS, *Chairman.*

HENRY SAILOR,

WM. V. ANDERSON,

JOHN WIEGAND,

DENNIS MCCREDY,

ISAAC ELLIOTT,

JOHN S. WARNER.

Girard College for Orphans, }
Philadelphia, January 2, 1837. }

To the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans:

Gentlemen,—

Having been directed by your resolution of the 27th ult., to lay before you “*a report of the state of the works,*” I respectfully embrace the present opportunity to comply with your request.

The marble work of the cell of the centre building, has been raised about ten feet during the past year; making its present height above the ground, about sixty feet.

All the bands and ties for resisting the lateral pressure of the arches, over the second story rooms, are firmly fixed in the walls, and the centres are completed and prepared to receive the brick work;—all, therefore, that remains to be done to complete this story, is simply the construction of these arches and the setting of the marble in the lobbies; which will, consequently, be the first work of the ensuing season.

We had expected to finish all the second story arches during the past summer; but unusual severity of the previous winter, and the backwardness of the spring, put it out of our power to advance with this part of the work as rapidly as we had anticipated. We have, however, been actively employed on other parts of the buildings, having accomplished, in the aggregate, at least one-third more during the past year than in any previous season, since the commencement of the work.

The easternmost *out building* is now under roof, and the Carpenters are engaged in finishing the interior.

The out-building nearest the College, requires about ten feet in height of marble work to complete the exterior, the greater part of which will be wrought during the winter, so as to enable us to put the building under roof early in the ensuing season; both of these out-buildings will be completed during the present year, and may be occupied as soon as they are finished, without interfering with the rest of the work.

At the commencement of the last season, there were four hundred and thirty thousand bricks remaining on the ground from the previous year; since which time, there have been delivered at the works, one million five hundred and ninety thousand, making in all, two millions and twenty thousand; of which, one million five hundred and twenty thousand have been used in the buildings, leaving about five hundred thousand bricks now on the ground to commence operations with in the spring.

The amount of marble work done during the past season, is

almost double that of any previous year; and the character of the work still merits the highest commendation.

The execution of the carving of the exterior capitals, continues to give entire satisfaction.

Several of the large bases and column blocks, are now in the hands of the workmen, and it is intended to continue with this part of the work during the winter, so as to enable us to proceed at the opening of the ensuing season, with the eastern portico, the two south columns of which have already been commenced.

The columns, Antæ and Entablature, for the lobbies in the second story, are in progress of execution;—there are now completed for this part of the work, ten capitals, fourteen bases, seven shafts of columns, and a considerable quantity of the architrave and antæ; the rest will be finished in the course of three or four months.

All the marble used in the buildings during the past year, amounts to 40,588 superficial feet, and there is now on the ground, 12,338 feet of finished work, 2,173 feet of sawed material, and 3,950 cubic feet in the rough.

It is a source of great satisfaction to be able to state, that all our apprehensions in regard to the supply of marble are relieved, as the contractors have begun to work another quarry, which will enable us to obtain, without difficulty, all that may be required for the completion of the College, and all the buildings connected with it.

The whole amount of marble delivered during the past year, amounts to 39,722 cubic feet; more than one hundred column blocks have already been quarried, and all that will be required for the exterior portico can be procured, if necessary, during the ensuing season.

The expenditures from December 23, 1835, to December 31, 1836, amounts to \$153,949 74.

I have estimated the value of the materials and workmanship now on the ground, which have not yet been used in the building, about \$68,000, nearly all of which will be used during the present year.

I am happy to have it in my power to say, that thus far, nothing has been omitted that would tend to give permanency and durability to the buildings; the plans have been correctly executed, and the various departments of the work have been faithfully, and judiciously managed by the gentlemen whom you have appointed over the several mechanical branches.

The propriety of commencing the two western out-buildings in the spring, is a subject to which I would respectfully request your early consideration; the foundations of these buildings may be laid, and the marble work constructed as high as the basement during the ensuing season, without interfering with the

other work; I, therefore, venture to suggest that arrangements be made for extending the work, so as to embrace these two buildings.

I am, gentlemen, with assurances of the highest consideration,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS U. WALTER,

Architect.

APPENDIX, No. 13.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Legacies and Trusts, according to Ordinance, respectfully

REPORT:

That the sum of eight thousand one hundred dollars will be required for distribution among the Fire Companies for the present year.

JOHN THOMASON, *Chairman.*

CALEB B. MATTHEWS,

JOHN LINDSAY,

A. McCAUSLAND,

H. J. WILLIAMS,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

W. H. KEATING.

Philad., Jan. 5, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 14.

The Committee on Public Highways, in obedience to the requisitions of an Ordinance for auditing and controlling the expenditures of the City, which requires the several Joint Standing Committees of Councils to present an estimate of the probable amount necessary for the public service in their several departments,

REPORT:

That there are a large number of applications for paving and repaving at the present time before the Committee. And no doubt there will be numerous others in the course of the ensuing spring, most, if not all of which it may be thought necessary for public accommodation, to have completed in the course of the ensuing season.

The Committee, after a full consideration of the matter, are of opinion that an appropriation of sixty thousand dollars will be necessary for the public service in their department, for the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
W. H. KEATING,
JOHN THOMASON,
JOS. T. MATHER,
JOHN WIEGAND.

Phiald., Jan. 18, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 15.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Police,

REPORT:

That there will be required for the service of their department, for the present year, the sum of eighty-two thousand dollars, in addition to the sum of thirty-three thousand one hundred and ninety dollars to be received from the residuary fund of the Girard Estates, viz.

For four Captains of the Watch, thirty-two
silent, and one hundred and forty loud Watch,
four Turnkeys, Watchmen in the Markets, State
House, Drawbridge, &c.

\$68,040 00

For Mayor's Clerk, Clerks and Assistant Clerks
of Markets,

4,200 00

For four High and four Special Constables,	4,000 00
For Oil, Gas, Rent of Police Stations, and for altering and fitting up new Police Station, in north-west district, repairs, &c.	34,500 00
For new Lamp Posts, Watch Boxes, &c.	2,000 00
For Watchmen's coats, rewarding persons active in bringing offenders to justice, and other incidental expenses,	2,450 00
Total expenditure,	\$115,190 00
Less amount, payable by Commissioners on Girard Estates, as above stated,	33,190, 00
Amount required from City Treasurer,	\$82,000 00
<i>January 19, 1837.</i>	

Report adopted by Committee on Police, January 16, 1837.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

ISAAC ELLIOTT,

J. ROACH,

JOHN WIEGAND,

A. FERGUSON,

JAMES CRISSY,

JOHN P. WETHERILL.

APPENDIX, No. 16.

A supplement to an Ordinance, entitled; "An Ordinance, providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c. That the Committee on Public Highways be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to pay to the representatives of the Estate of the late George Blight, deceased, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, being the amount of damages awarded to them by the Jury appointed to assess the damages done to the said Estate, by the opening of Delaware Avenue.

Sec. 2. Be it, &c. That the sum of thirty thousand dollars, out of the income of the fund appropriated under the 22nd item of the Will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the City and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expenses of carrying into effect this Ordinance, to be paid in the manner that appropriations for Delaware Avenue are directed to be paid in the several Ordinances, to which this is a Supplement.

Sec. 3. Be it, &c. That so much of an Ordinance, to which this is a Supplement, passed the 12th day of January, 1835, as directed the Joint Committee on Delaware Avenue to tender to George Blight, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 17.

“A further Ordinance for the management of the Girard College.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans shall hereafter consist of the Mayor of the City, the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils, and eighteen citizens of the City of Philadelphia, not members of either Council, who shall be elected by ballot, at the first stated meeting in February; nine of whom shall be chosen by the Select Council, and nine by the Common Council.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That those who are now Trustees, shall continue in office until the expiration of their several terms of service, and be apportioned to the respective Councils, as follows, that is to say: Nicholas Biddle, George B. Wood, and Thomas McEuen to the Select Council; and Samuel V. Merrick, and William W. Haley to the Common Council, whose term expires February, 1837. Joseph Mellvaine, and James C. Biddle for the Select Council; and Benjamin W. Richards, and Matthias W. Baldwin for the Common Council, whose term expires February, 1838. Charles D. Meigs, and Algeron S. Roberts for the Select Council; and Samuel Rush, and James Gowan for the Common Council, whose term expires February, 1839. And at the first stated meeting of Councils in February, 1837, the Select Council shall elect three citizens for three years, to supply the place of those whose term of service, will then expire; one citizen for two years; and one citizen for one year. And at the same time, the Common Council shall elect three citizen for three years, one citizen for two years, and one citizen for one year. And annually, thereafter, at the first stated meeting in February, each Council shall respectively elect three citizens, to serve as Trustees, for the term of three years next ensuing, to supply the place of those whose term of service shall then expire. And in case of any vacancy, it shall be supplied by a special election.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid; That in case the election shall not take place at the said first stated meeting in February, it may be held at any subsequent meeting of Councils, and the trustees shall continue in office until an election shall take place. And so much of "An Ordinance for the management of the Girard Collage," enacted January 31, 1833, as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 18.

"An Ordinance regulating the distribution and renting of Stalls in the Market Houses, between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, in High street."

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Commissioner of City Property, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby authorised to lease or let the Stalls in the Market Houses, between Delaware Third and Eighth streets, in High street, appropriated for Butchers and Jersey Farmers, from and after the first day of February next, according to the following scale of prices:

In the Market House between Third and Fourth streets,
 The two head or westernmost Stalls, each, \$80 00 per ann.
 The Arch or other Stalls at the openings, 60 00 "
 The Middle or Stalls between the openings, 40 00 "

In the Market House between Fourth and Fifth streets,
 The two head or westernmost Stalls, each, \$130 00 per ann.
 The Arch or other Stalls at the openings, 80 00 "
 The Middle or Stalls between the openings, 40 00 "

In the Market House between Fifth and Sixth streets,
 The two head or westernmost Stalls, each, \$150 00 per ann.
 The Arch or other Stalls at the openings, 80 00 "
 The Middle or Stalls between the openings, 40 00 "

In the Market House between Sixth and Seventh streets,
 The two head or westernmost Stalls, each, \$150 00 per ann.
 The Arch or other Stalls at the openings, 90 00 "
 The Middle or Stalls between the openings, 40 00 "

In the Market House between Seventh and Eighth streets.

The Eastern moiety, occupied by Jersey Farmers,	
The Stalls next to the opening, each,	\$40 00 per ann.
The Middle Stalls,	30 00 “

Provided, That no Stalls shall be leased for a less term than ten years, subject to the payment of the rent therein, reserved in advance, annually, on or before the first day of February during the continuance of said term, and also subject to the conditions of the several Ordinances for regulating the Markets, and of such Ordinances as may hereafter be passed for that purpose: *Provided*, That no assignment of any of the said leases shall be valid or convey any right to the assignee to occupy the Stall so assigned without the consent of the Committee on City Property, being first certified on said lease by their Chairman; *And Provided further*, That should the constituted authorities of the City of Philadelphia deem it expedient, at any time during the continuance of any of the said leases, to vacate and remove any one or all of the said Market Houses, it shall be lawful for them, on giving three months notice of their intention to do so, to cancel any or all of the leases granted for Stalls therein.

Sec 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to regulate the distribution and renting of the Stalls in the Market Houses between Delaware Second and Eighth streets, in High street, passed July 7, 1836,” and so much of any other Ordinance or regulation as is hereby altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 19.

“An Ordinance regulating the Transfers of Stock in the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That from and after the passage of this Ordinance, all transfers of Stock in the Philadelphia Gas Works, shall be made before the Register appointed by the Trustees of said Works, any thing in any former Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPENDIX, No. 20.

“An Ordinance providing for Cleansing the Foot Pavements from Snow, Hail and Sleet.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That from and after the passage of this Ordinance, every occupant of a store, dwelling house, or other building, and owners of public and unoccupied buildings and vacant lots in the city of Philadelphia, shall remove or cause to be removed, the Snow, Hail or Sleet from his, her or their foot pavements and gutters in front of such store, dwelling house, buildings or vacant lots, within twenty-four hours after every fall thereof, under a penalty for omitting to do so, of three dollars, to be recovered in like manner as penalties are by law recoverable.

APPENDIX, No. 21.

The Board of Trustees of the Girard College for Orphans,
consists of

JOHN SWIFT, Esq. Mayor of the City.

WM. M. MEREDITH, President of Select Council.

WM. RAWLE, President of Common Council.

Joseph McIlvaine,	}	Whose term of service expires February, 1838.
James C. Biddle,		
John K. Kane,		
Benj. W. Richards,		
Matthias W. Baldwin,		
John B. Ellison,	}	Whose term of service expires February, 1839.
Charles D. Meigs,		
Algernon S. Roberts,		
Charles Chauncey,		
Samuel Rush,		
James Gowan,	}	Whose term of service expires February, 1840.
J. W. Moore, M. D.		
Nicholas Biddle,		
George B. Wood,		
Thomas McEuen,		
Samuel V. Merrick,	}	
Wm. W. Haley,		
Henry Troth,		

APPENDIX, No. 22.

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred the subject of setting and resetting Curb stones,

REPORT:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and are of opinion that the setting and resetting of all the curb stones hereafter used along the public highways in the city, would be much more permanently done, if done by and under the direction of the City Commissioners.

The reasons that have led the Committee to this conclusion are these, the curb stones are frequently so loosely set, that in a short time they are removed from their position, and instead of inclining to the foot-way, as originally placed and intended to remain, they project considerably into the cart-way, by which the arch is broken and the cart-way pavement, as a necessary consequence, injured. The Committee are of opinion that this is one cause of the very frequent repairs necessary in the pavements, and of course of a large amount of public and private expenditure, as well as serious inconvenience to citizens. Before the object recommended can be obtained, it will be necessary to ask the Legislature to make some alterations in the present Acts of Assembly on that subject.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to ask the Legislature for such an alteration in the Act of March 25th, 1805, entitled "An Act, for the better regulation of the City of Philadelphia, &c." as will place the setting and resetting of curb stones, within the city of Philadelphia, under the exclusive control of Councils.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN THOMASON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN WIEGAND,
THOMAS DUNLAP,

Philad., Feb. 14, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 23.

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Plantou, relating to an improvement in Rail Roads and in Rail Road Cars,

REPORT:

That they have examined the models and plans presented by Mr. Plantou, and have heard him in explanation thereof. And although the Committee are of opinion, that it is not a proper subject for the City Councils to legislate upon, they have thought it due to the ingenuity and perseverance of Mr. Plantou, (who has devoted much of his time and experience to works intended to promote the interest and convenience of his fellow-citizens,) to give the subject that consideration and reflection they think it deserves. His plan of a Rail Road, is to have the Rails rounded at the top and slanting at the sides, by this mode the water has no possible chance of remaining upon them, and in winter, occasioning serious inconvenience and accidents by freezing, and on which no stone or rubbish of any kind can remain so as to cause any obstruction to Cars passing along. This plan, the Committee believe, would have many advantages over that now in use; further than this, the Committee cannot go, inasmuch as the City Councils have no other control over the formation of the City Rail Road, than to conform to the plan already adopted by the State in the construction of the State road, to which the City Rail Road is only a small branch

In relation to the construction of Cars, the Committee are of opinion that it is a matter solely for the consideration of those who make use of the Road. Entertaining these views, the Committee would recommend the ingenious inventor to lay his petition before the State Legislature, where the power mainly exists of making a change conformably to his views.

The Committee have also had under consideration, the petition of the "Norristown and Germantown Rail Road Company," requesting permission to continue the Rail Road along Ninth street, to intersect the City Rail Road at High street. They are of opinion, that in the present unfinished state of the road along High street, it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of both subjects embraced in this report,

Which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN THOMASON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN WIEGAND,
THOMAS DUNLAP,

Philad., Feb. 14, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 24.

“An Ordinance providing for the Removal from the Foot Pavements of Snow, Hail, Sleet, and Ice.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That from and after the publication of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of the occupant or occupants of any dwelling house, store, or other building, and of the owner or owners of any public or unoccupied building, or vacant lot, situated on any of the public streets, lanes, or alleys in the City of Philadelphia, to remove or cause to be removed from the foot pavements in front of the same, any snow, hail, or sleet that may have fallen or formed thereon, and any ice arising from waste water from private alleys, pipes, or other conduits, within twenty-four hours (Sabbath days exclusive) after the falling or forming thereof; which removal shall be so made as not to obstruct the gutters in front of said foot pavements.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever ice shall otherwise form or accumulate on said foot pavements, in such manner as to render it impracticable or difficult to remove the same, it shall be the duty of the respective occupants and owners aforesaid, within the time limited in the preceding section, to cause ashes, sand, saw-dust, or other suitable material, to be sprinkled over the same, in sufficient quantity to prevent slipping, and render it convenient and safe to walk thereon.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the said occupants or owners shall refuse or neglect to comply with the duties or regulations

aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the public streets, as soon as may be after the expiration of the twenty-four hours aforesaid, to cause the said duties or regulations to be performed, at the expense of the party so refusing or neglecting; which expense, together with a further penalty of not less than one, nor more than three dollars, shall be forfeited and paid by the party so offending, to be recovered in the same manner that other penalties are by law recoverable. Provided, however, that this Ordinance shall not be construed to extend or apply to the foot pavements in front of the Public Squares, nor to such burial grounds or vacant lots as may in themselves occupy the moiety of the whole front of any side or section of the square in which the same may be situated, on either of the public streets, lanes, or alleys aforesaid. But it shall and may be lawful for the Superintendents of the streets, under the direction of the Committee on Cleansing the City, to cause to be removed, at the expense of the City, any snow, hail, sleet, or ice, from said foot pavements fronting any portion of said Public Squares; and at the expense of the owner or owners of any burial ground or vacant lot, from any portion of the foot pavement in front thereof, should the said owner or owners refuse or neglect to do so within the time limited in the first section, whenever in the opinion of said Committee the public interest or convenience may require it.

Sec. 4. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor of the City, in the first week in December next, and annually thereafter, to give notice, by Proclamation, in the usual form, of the duties and regulations enjoined by this Ordinance.

APPENDIX, No. 25.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Joint Special Committee to whom were referred the Memorials of sundry citizens of Philadelphia, asking that an appropriation may be made for constructing and maintaining a Steam Ice Boat for the purpose of breaking up the Ice formed in the river Delaware during the winter, and keeping the navigation of that river open throughout the year, having given consideration to the same—

REPORT:

That the practicability of maintaining a constant communication with the sea at all seasons of the year, is one of the most interesting subjects that can claim the attention of Councils. So intimately is it connected with the trade and commerce of the city, and with the comfort of her citizens, and so universally is the benefit arising from it acknowledged, that it would seem unnecessary for the Committee to submit any reasoning of their own upon the subject, but to be satisfied with presenting an Ordinance to accomplish the wishes of the petitioners. The Committee would, however, do injustice to their own feelings and render themselves obnoxious to the censure of their fellow citizens, were they to content themselves with such a course and omit entirely to give some views of the matter that may remove all objection to the entertaining of the question by Councils, if it be possible that any portion of our citizens should still consider it as an experiment of doubtful success.

Up to the year 1835, the project of navigating a steam vessel through the icy fetters of the Delaware, would have been deemed too chimerical to claim the attention of any one considered in the full possession of his reason;* but the enterprising managers of the Camden and Amboy Rail Road then commenced the war upon the blockading obstacle; their success led to a series of efforts for the extension of the system, and in March, 1836, we beheld the great triumph of Art over Nature in the arrival of a fleet of upwards of one hundred sail of vessels which had been ice bound for many weeks in the bay of the Delaware. For this we were mainly indebted to the operations of the Steam Tow Boat Company, sustained by the liberality of our enterprising merchants, whose boat, built with a view to a different but most important and valuable purpose, was made to contend with ice of no ordinary thickness, and to open to our citizens rich cargoes for the prosecution of their trade, employment for the labourer and a supply of the necessities of life at their usual rates. The present year has, at an earlier period, been marked by similar results; already the busy hum of labour sounds along our wharves, and in the increased cheerfulness and energy which

* NOTE. In the year 1822, the late Captain William Jones presented a memorial to the Chamber of Commerce of this city, on the perils and difficulties of the winter navigation of the River Delaware, and among a variety of patriotic suggestions for remedying them and restoring the trade and commerce of our metropolis, proposed the adoption of a Steam Ice Breaker—the memorial was printed by the Chamber of Commerce, but nothing appears to have been done to carry the views of Capt. Jones into effect.

universally prevails, we can readily recognise a release from the bondage in which winter holds our capital, commerce and labour. Imperfectly adapted as all must confess the vessels belonging to the Steam Tow Boat Company to be for such services, and interrupted as their operations have been by a series of accidents against which it would have been almost impossible to guard, with machinery not built expressly for the object, the practicability of keeping our navigation open during the winter, is a problem which they have satisfactorily solved, and we are not called on to make an experiment to prove it.

The closing of the river Delaware by ice is universally considered as a calamity; it locks up not only the great avenue of our commerce, but the capital invested in our shipping feels it to an extent that is almost incalculable. To it in a great measure may be attributed the low station we occupy on the national roll of seaports, and already have our merchants begun to direct their consignments to our great commercial neighbour for the certainty with which vessels may at all times enter her harbour: the potent arm of steam in the summer and autumn months, places us on an equality with her during those seasons, and our favorable position for the great internal trade of the country, demands that facilities for communicating with the sea in the spring and winter should be promptly established.

Every department of labour and industry is operated upon by the same chilling influence; and our workshops and wharves, instead of presenting the healthful aspect of full and well remunerated employment, are either entirely deserted, or confined to the preparation and transportation of articles intended for use within our own walls. New connections are formed by our foreign correspondents—their products are sent to other markets—and nothing, not even the great internal resources of our own Commonwealth will in a few years enable us to bear up against our natural disadvantages, unless the subject is taken earnestly in hand and prosecuted with a determination to succeed. Were it to secure a supply of fuel alone at moderate prices, the advantages of access to our port at all seasons would fully repay the cost of the undertaking; but every article which enters alike into the support of both poor and rich, will be more abundantly supplied and placed within the reach of all who receive the most moderate wages.

The evils of idleness which, in the months of December, January and February, crowd our Alms House with 1600 tenants, and increase the population of our Jails and Work-houses to an alarming extent will in a great measure be removed, and by presenting constant employment for all who will work, the community will be relieved from a heavy and increasing burthen; for he who has once been degraded by the receipt of public alms,

feels no repugnance on the slightest pretext to become again the tenant of the Poor House. The average population of the Alms House in summer may be stated to be in round numbers about 1100, and in winter 1600; and all who have investigated the subject concur in ascribing the increase to the great falling off of employment in the winter months by the closing of the river.

The cost of maintaining the poor for the year 1836, exclusive of the interest on the money expended for buildings for their accommodation, was nearly \$129,000, and one third of that sum, which would be saved by keeping 500 persons from becoming paupers, would pay thrice over for preserving the navigation open. Prominent also among the inconveniences that surround our ice-bound port, is the great hazard in which numerous vessels and immense amounts of property are put by being subject to storms of the most violent character while lying in the Delaware Bay, and the imminent peril, to say nothing of the loss of life, which has marked the present winter on our coast. It is within the recollection of all, for the circumstance is too recent to have been obliterated even in our eventful country, with what anxiety every communication from the neighbourhood of the ship *Monongahela* was received in this city, and with what heartfelt joy her passengers were welcomed to their home, and the assurance of the safety of her crew and cargo received. Millions of dollars in property and still more valuable lives are every winter placed in similar peril, and shall a corporation, instituted for the promotion of trade, industry and happiness, and a city founded by the illustrious and philanthropic Penn, be backward in using the means with which she has been so bountifully endowed to secure to her citizens all the advantages which trade, industry and happiness will bestow? Leaving taxation for other objects, she can place her hand on her corporate estate and in its increasing revenue, flowing from the adoption of the very measure recommended in this report, find the means to execute and sustain it.

The cost of a suitable vessel equipped with steam engines and other apparatus to fit her for service, will be about Sixty Thousand Dollars; but the Committee, to provide for unexpected contingencies, and to render her as complete as practicable, have fixed the appropriation at a sum not exceeding Seventy Thousand Dollars. They propose that the construction and management of the vessel shall be confided to a Board of Trustees to serve in classes for three years, and that her operations shall be limited to the winter months, and in cases of great emergency which sometimes occur, to invest the Trustees with a discretionary power to permit her to be used. The ordinary operations of the boat to be conducted at the expense of the city,

for which provision is made by an annual appropriation from the income of the corporate estate, and when in cases of emergency she is used as a Tow Boat, to charge the same rates as those adopted by the Tow Boat Company.

With such a boat, connected with the operations of those belonging to the Tow Boat Company, and such further facilities as will undoubtedly be made by employing ordinary steam boats to aid the trade and commerce of the city, the Committee entertain no doubt but that we may again take our rank as one of the first sea ports of the Union, and by the full development and shipment of our vast deposits of coal and iron, maintain such an intercourse with other countries as will restore our shipping to its original rank.

With these views and fully convinced that the object is one deserving of prompt and efficient action to accomplish it, the Committee respectfully present, An Ordinance to secure the uninterrupted Navigation of the River Delaware by a Steam Ice Boat.

FRED. FRALEY,
LAWRENCE LEWIS,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
I. ROACH,
JAMES ROWLAND,
BENJ. M. HINCHMAN,
RICHARD PRICE,
WM. V. ANDERSON,
Committee.

“An Ordinance to secure the uninterrupted Navigation of the River Delaware by the use of a Steam Ice Boat.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That for the purpose of constructing a suitable vessel and providing Steam Engines and other equipments to adapt the said vessel for breaking up the Ice which forms in the river Delaware, and for preserving the navigation of that river open throughout the year, the Mayor of the city is hereby authorised to borrow on the credit of the Corporation, and at such times as the Com-

mittee on Finance may direct, such sums of money as may be required therefor, not exceeding seventy thousand dollars in the whole, for which certificates bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July, and transferable at the office of the City Treasurer, shall be issued in the usual form, and not redeemable without the consent of the holders thereof, before the first day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and any premium which may be received thereon, shall be placed to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of providing a fund for the redemption of said loan, paying the interest thereon, and furnishing the means to keep the said vessel in operation, the sum of twelve thousand dollars per annum, is hereby pledged, and shall be annually appropriated and set apart out of the income of the corporate estate of the city of Philadelphia, which said sum of twelve thousand dollars shall be applied as follows: one thousand dollars, part thereof, shall be annually added to the Sinking Fund of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, as the same is now done, under existing Ordinances, and of the remaining eleven thousand dollars, so much as may be necessary for the payment of the interest on said loan shall be reserved by the City Treasurer, and the balance, together with any moneys received under the provisions of the sixth section of this Ordinance, appropriated for the maintenance and working of the said Steam vessel, to be paid from time to time as the same may be needed, for expenses actually incurred therefor, upon the requisitions of the Board of Trustees hereinafter provided for, which requisitions shall be passed at a regular meeting of the said Trustees, and be attested by their President and Secretary.

Sec. 3. That within twenty days after the passing of this Ordinance, the Select and Common Councils shall choose by ballot, twelve citizens of Philadelphia, who shall be denominated the Trustees of the Ice Boat, six of said Trustees shall be chosen by the Select Council, and six by the Common Council. As soon as said elections are completed, the Clerks of Councils shall respectively divide the persons so chosen, by lot, into three classes, the first class to serve one year, the second class to serve two years, and the third class to serve three years, or until their successors have been appointed, and record the result upon the minutes of Councils.

And annually thereafter, at the last stated meeting in January, the Select and Common Council shall each respectively elect two citizens of Philadelphia to serve as Trustees for the

term of three years, in place of those whose term of service shall have expired, and any vacancies that may occur in said Board, shall be filled by special elections to be held by the body in whose delegation in the Board of Trustees the vacancy may exist.

Sec. 4. That the said Trustees, seven of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, shall meet within ten days after their election, and choose of their own number, a President and Secretary, and being thus organised, shall have power to contract in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, for the building of a suitable vessel, and for the constructing of the Steam Engines and other apparatus and furniture that may be necessary to fit such vessel for the purpose of breaking up the Ice in the river Delaware, and keeping the navigation of the said river open throughout the year, and on the completion of said vessel, engines and apparatus, to employ engineers, mariners and other workmen, for the care, working and navigation thereof; *Provided*, That the said Trustees shall not receive any compensation for their services, nor shall they be either directly or indirectly concerned in any contract for building and equipping said vessel, or in the furnishing of any materials therefor, and they shall have no power to impose, by any contract or engagement made by them, any liability on the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, for such building and equipment beyond the sum of seventy thousand dollars, hereby appropriated therefor, nor for the care, working and navigating thereof, beyond the amount hereby specifically appropriated for those objects.

Sec. 5. That the said Trustees shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and meetings, and of all contracts or engagements made by them under this Ordinance, and shall exhibit the same to the Select and Common Council, or to either of them, or to any Committee appointed by them or either of them, whenever required so to do, and annually, at the last stated meeting in January, they shall present to Councils a detailed report of their proceedings, and of the operations of the vessel entrusted to their care. They shall have power, subject to the approbation of Councils, to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the government, care and navigation of the said vessel, and for the management and discipline of the Engineers, Mariners and Workmen employed by them.

Sec. 6. That the said vessel, machinery, &c. shall be kept exclusively for the purpose designated in this Ordinance; but

should it at any time happen that by reason of imminent peril to any ship or vessel in the harbour or port of Philadelphia, or in the Delaware river or bay, that the services of the said vessel, machinery, &c. should be necessary to rescue or relieve such ship or vessel from danger, then the said Trustees are hereby authorised to allow the said vessel and machinery to be used for those purposes, and they shall charge and collect for such services, the same rates as are or may be collected by the Philadelphia Steam Tow Boat Company, and pay the proceeds thereof into the City Treasury.

APPENDIX, No. 26.

“ A further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relating to the High street Market Place.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the north side of North street, between Delaware Fifth and Sixth streets, be and the same hereby is appropriated as a Stand for empty Market Wagons, Carts, &c., subject to the same rules and regulations as are prescribed in the 8th section of the Ordinance, to which this is a Supplement.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*
JAMES CRISSY,
JOHN WIEGAND,
A. FERGUSON,
J. ROACH.

February 20, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 27.

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, “That the Committee on Public Highways be directed to report the extent to which Delaware Avenue has been opened, according to the Will of the late Stephen Girard, and what are the nature of the obstructions, either by buildings or otherwise, that are necessary to be removed before the said Avenue can be completed from Vine to Cedar street.”

Having attended to the matter, make the following

REPORT:

Commencing at the southern extremity of the city, the present situation of each square is as follows:

Cedar to Lombard street.

In this square there are five parts of buildings to remove, viz: one of 52 feet by 6 feet; one of 31 feet by 5 feet; one of 38 feet by 15 feet; one of 28 feet by 21 feet, and one of 49 feet by 15 feet; no docks to fill.

Lombard to Pine street.

In this square there are three parts of buildings to remove, viz: one of 25 feet by 10 feet; one of 38 feet by 15 feet; and one of 74 feet by 16 feet; no docks to fill.

Pine to Spruce street.

One block of buildings in this square to be removed, 58 feet by 16 feet; no docks to fill; damages paid in this square by agreement, amounting to \$2,822 55.

Spruce to Walnut street.

No buildings to be removed; two docks to fill, one of 47 feet by 8 feet, and one of 53 feet by 4 feet; amount of damages paid, \$5,000; other amounts not yet settled.

Walnut to Chesnut street.

Nothing necessary in this square but curbing and paving.

Chesnut to High street.

This square is complete, curbed and paved, with the exception of about 100 feet next to High street, which has been lately settled and will, in all probability, be entirely complete early in the season.

Total amount of damages in this square, \$44,216 00; all of which has been paid.

High to Mulberry street.

The damages in this square have been assessed and all paid with one exception, (amounting to \$2200,) which has been appealed from by the owner; amount of damages actually paid, \$38,150 00; two docks have been filled in this square and one yet to fill, which is in progress. Two portions of buildings to be removed, one of 45 feet by 15 feet, and one of 72 feet by 16 feet, which will be taken down early in the season.

Mulberry to Sassafras street.

No buildings to remove in this square; seven docks to fill, viz: one 23 feet by 8 feet; one 166 feet by 5 feet; one 49 feet by 7 feet; one 44 feet by 37 feet; (of which 44 feet by 12 feet is west of the Avenue,) one 49 feet by 3 feet; one 31 feet by 5 feet; and one 29 feet by 45 feet.

Sassafras to Vine street.

In this square five parts of buildings to remove, viz: one 59 feet by 6 feet; one 39 feet by 15 feet; one 29 feet by 25 feet; one 23 feet by 28 feet; and one 42 feet by 5 feet; one dock to fill 40 feet by 20 feet.

The total amount paid for damages to this time,	\$90,188 55
Cash paid Jurors' fees, City Solicitor, City Commissioner, Wharf Builders, &c., for laying out, curbing and paving, and filling in docks,	6,496 09

Total amount paid,	\$96,684 64
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Total amount to the credit of improvement fund of eastern city front, from March 1, 1833, to February 1, 1837, from Stocks and Loans,	\$105,638 93
Which leaves a balance unexpended, of	8,954 29

All of which will be necessary to complete the curbing and paving already ordered, and settling for docks now in progress of filling.

The yearly income of improvement fund, is about \$26,000.

From the foregoing statement, it will appear that two entire squares, viz: from Chesnut to Mulberry street, are nearly completed, that the square from Chesnut to Walnut, only requires curbing and paving, and that the two squares from Walnut to Pine street, have but one block of buildings to remove and two docks to fill, which, when completed, will form one continued line from Mulberry to Pine street; with the other squares, nothing has yet been done.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Committee,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOSEPH T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON,
THOMAS DUNLAP,

Philad., March 2, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 28.

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Stafford, asking of Councils the privilege of making an opening into the Sewer in Dock street, having considered the same, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; they, therefore, recommend the passage of the Ordinance accompanying this report.

The Committee also recommend the passage of an Ordinance herewith presented, altering the regulation of Water street, between High and Mulberry streets.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOS. T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Philad., March. 16, 1837.

Committee.

“An Ordinance authorising Catharine Stafford to make an opening into the Sewer in Dock street.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That Catharine Stafford have permission to lay an iron pipe, not exceeding three inches in diameter, from her house on the north-west corner of Spruce and Dock streets, into the adjacent Sewer in Dock street: *Provided*, That said opening shall be made under the direction of the City Commissioners, agreeably to a plan furnished by the City Recording Surveyor, and that all expenses in placing the street in good order, shall be paid by the said Catharine Stafford: *And provided also*, That the said iron pipes shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of Councils, any Law or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

“An Ordinance providing for an alteration in the regulation of Water street, between High and Mulberry streets.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the regulation of ascents and descents in Water street, between High and Mulberry streets, be and the same is hereby altered and established in conformity with a plan prepared by Samuel Hains, Recording Surveyor, dated February 22, 1837, any existing regulation or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPENDIX, No. 29.

The Committee on Police, in obedience to the resolution of Councils, directing them "to inquire whether the Police of the City would not be improved, and a more effectual observance of the Ordinances be obtained by the employment of the Ward Constables for that purpose," beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have duly considered the subject embraced in the resolution, and are unanimously of the opinion, that it is inexpedient for Councils to legislate on the subject.

The duties of the Ward Constables are prescribed by Acts of the State Legislature, and can neither be enlarged nor diminished by an Ordinance of the City. They are now, by law, obliged to render any assistance in their power to preserve the public peace, and are at all times, subject to the requisitions of the civil Magistrates, to suppress riots or insurrections; but beyond this, it is believed the control of the City authorities cannot be rightfully extended.

The remissness implied from the language of the resolution, and which has been before intimated from other sources, the Committee believe can best be obviated by increased vigilance on the part of those to whom is committed the duty of superintending the execution of the Ordinances, in the several departments of the City administration, rather than by an increase of their numbers.

They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.
JAMES CRISSY,
HENRY SAILOR,
A. FERGUSON,
J. ROACH,
JOHN WIEGAND.

APPENDIX, No. 30.

“An Ordinance relating to the regulation of High street, from Water street to Delaware Avenue.”

Be it, &c., That the regulation of ascents and descents in High street, from the east side of Water street to the west side of Delaware Avenue, shall be and the same is hereby established according to a plan made by Samuel Hains, City Surveyor, dated March 30th, 1837, any law or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN THOMASON,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Philad., March 30, 1837.

Committee.

“An Ordinance authorising the Committee on Public Highways to grant permission to make openings into the Common Sewer.”

Be it, &c., That applications for openings into the Common Sewer, may hereafter be made to the Committee on Public Highways, who are hereby authorised to grant permission to individuals and companies, to make such openings, provided the same is done agreeably to a plan to be furnished by the City Surveyor, and that all the expenses in placing the streets in good order, shall be paid by the individuals or Companies applying for said openings: *And provided, also*, That the said openings shall be subject to be closed at the pleasure of Councils, any law or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN THOMASON,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Philad., March 30, 1837.

Committee.

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Sewer in Sixth street, between Walnut and Locust streets.”

Be it, &c., That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Sewer to be constructed in Sixth

street, from the south side of Walnut street, to intersect the Sewer extending across the south-east angle of Washington Square, of a diameter not exceeding five feet.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN THOMASON,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Philad., March 30, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 31.

The Committee on Public Highways have had under consideration certain applications for Culverts which have been referred to them, and after a careful examination, have prepared the Ordinance hereto annexed, and recommend its adoption by Councils.

The Committee have also viewed the streets hereafter named, for which petitions have been received for paving and repaving, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, to cause the following streets to be regulated, curbed and paved, or repaved, as required:

For Paving

Bond street from Tenth to Eleventh, 373 yards,	\$373 00
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For Repaving

Exchange street from Chesnut to Dock, 233 yards,	93 00
Sassafras street from Eleventh to Twelfth, 1230 yards,	492 00
Fifth street, from Sassafras to Vine, 1950 yards,	780 00
La Grange Place, 160 yards,	64 00

“An Ordinance authorising the construction of certain
Culverts.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, shall cause the following Sewers or Culverts to be constructed with suitable inlets, as early as practicable.

1st. A Culvert in Seventh street, to intersect the present Culvert on the south side of Washington Square extending south to the centre of Spruce street, thence extending west along Spruce street to the west side of Eighth street, not exceeding five feet diameter, \$3,000 00

2d. A Culvert from the present Culvert in Spruce street, 100 feet east of Twelfth street, to the west side of Twelfth street, a distance of 150 feet, not exceeding four feet diameter, \$550 00

3d. A Culvert in Mulberry street from the present Culvert on the east side of Thirteenth street, to the east side of Twelfth, not exceeding four feet diameter, \$1,670 00

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN THOMASON,
THOMAS DUNLAP.

Philad., April 13, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 32.

“An Ordinance to provide for lighting Franklin Square and the streets adjacent, with Gas.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Committee on Police be and they are hereby authorised, as soon as they may deem it expedient, to cause iron pipes, suitable for the conveyance of Gas, to be placed along such portions of the several streets bounding Franklin Square, as may be necessary to furnish with Gas, the public lamps on those sides of said streets next adjacent to said Square, which lamps shall be lighted according to the provisions of an Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance, for the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works,” passed the 21st March, 1835: *Provided*, That the size of said pipes shall not be more than three inches in diameter, and that the whole cost, including the laying of the same, shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated to the Committee on Police for that purpose.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on Police, if they deem it expedient, may allow the use of said pipes to the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, for the purpose of accommodating private consumers; in which case, the said Trustees shall refund and pay to the City the entire cost of that portion (not to be less than one-fourth of the whole,) so by them used.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Police to cause Franklin Square to be lighted with Gas whenever the necessary pipes, lamps, and other fixtures shall be prepared for that purpose, by direction of the Committee on City Property.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,

JAMES CRISSY,

A. FERGUSON,

JOHN WIEGAND,

ISAAC ELLIOTT.

Philad., April 13, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 33.

“An Ordinance authorising the purchase of a Police Station for the north-east Division of the City.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Committee on Police be and they are hereby authorised to purchase a suitable building and lot of ground in the north-east division of the City, for a Police Station; the cost thereof not to exceed ten thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated to said Committee for that purpose.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,

JOHN WIEGAND,

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

ISAAC ELLIOTT,

JAMES CRISSY.

A. FERGUSON,

Philad., April 13, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 34.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the petition of Farmers and others, requesting that certain portions of Decatur street, may be set apart and appropriated as stands, for empty Market Wagons and Carts, beg leave respectively to

REPORT:

That they have duly considered the subject referred to them, and, whilst they entertain every disposition to afford all the accommodation in their power to those interested in the petition, they are constrained in the present case, to express their dissent to the application.

The portions of the street designated, are, in the language of the petitioners, “the *east* side of Decatur street, from the corner of Carpenter street to the Black Smith shop above, a distance of about 50 or 60 feet, and the *west* side of Decatur street, from the corner of Market street to the Farmers’ Inn, a distance of 30 or 40 feet.” These, it is obvious, are too limited in themselves to furnish any useful accommodation for the purposes mentioned. They might, however, afford plausible pretexts for, and the Committee apprehend would probably lead to frequent encroachments upon other portions of the street, the free and uninterrupted use of which has become essential for the proper accommodation of the Stores and Warehouses, with which more than three-fourths of the street are now occupied, and for others which the Committee learn are contemplated, as soon as the necessary arrangements for that purpose can be effected.

For these reasons the Committee concur in the opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners. They therefore, recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution, viz.,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,
HENRY SAILOR,
A. FERGUSON,
J. ROACH,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
JAMES CRISSY.

APPENDIX, No. 35.

“ An Ordinance fixing the salary of the Clerk of the Market in High street, west of Tenth street.”

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That, from and after the first day of May next, the salary of the Clerk of the Market in High street, west of Tenth street, shall be six hundred dollars, per annum, payable monthly, any thing in any former ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,
HENRY SAILOR,
A. FERGUSON,
ISAAC ELLIOTT,
J. ROACH,
JAMES CRISSY.

APPENDIX, No. 36.

“ A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, An Ordinance providing for the opening of Delaware Avenue, and making an appropriation therefor.”

Be it ordained, &c., That the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to pay to Dennis McCredy the sum of \$ 2,200, being the amount of damages awarded to him by the Jury, appointed to assess the damages done by the opening of Delaware Avenue, between High and Mulberry streets.

Sec. 2. Be it, &c., That the sum of \$ 2,200 out of the income of the fund appropriated under the 22d item of the will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the city and Delaware Avenue, be appropriated to the expense of carrying into effect this ordinance, to be paid in the manner that appropriations for Delaware Avenue, are directed to be paid in the several ordinances to which this is a supplement.

APPENDIX, No. 37.

Philadelphia, April 27, 1837.

In compliance with the provisions of an Ordinance, passed October 1, 1835, entitled, "An Ordinance for Auditing and Controlling the Expenditures of the City," the Committee on Legacies and Trusts present the following

REPORT:

The magnitude of the Trusts confided to Councils, and placed under the superintendence of your Committee, together with the consideration that this Report is the first which has emanated from the Committee under the new organization, are sufficient reasons for offering a detailed statement of the condition of those trusts, the mode of their management, and their fitness to answer the designs of their respective testators.

In cities long founded, the amount of wealth bequeathed for benevolent purposes, is generally considerable. Every form of charitable bequest, which the feelings of humanity can invent, is resorted to, in order to lessen the sum of human ills. Colleges, schools, professorships, hospitals, asylums, together with periodical almsgiving, are the most common forms. These public bequests, are, however, in too many instances, diverted from the channels in which they were intended to flow. Here, where the people require short reckonings with their servants, the public trusts are comparatively secure; but unceasing vigilance is necessary to preserve them from waste and misapplication.

The Legacies and Trusts under the care of this Committee are as follows:

1. The legacy of Doctor Benjamin Franklin, of \$4,444 44, to be loaned to young mechanics of Philadelphia, on terms prescribed in his Will.

2. The bequest of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, of \$2,278 59, for the use of the poor of the City, without distinction of colour.

3. John Bleakly's bequest of £1,000, as a fund to procure fuel during the winter season, for poor housekeepers, widows.

4. By the same, the sum of £1,000, to relieve persons placed in the Hospital during the prevalence of yellow fever.

5. John Scott's bequest of \$3,000, to be applied to the same purpose as Dr. Franklin's legacy.

6. By the same, the further sum of \$4,000, as a fund for distributing premiums to men or women who may be authors of useful inventions.

7. Elias Boudinott's bequest of 13,000 acres of land, out of the rents and profits whereof, a fund is to be provided for supplying the poor inhabitants of the city and county with fuel, at a minimum price.

8. Samuel Scotten's bequest of a ground rent on North Sixth Street, of \$12 per annum, for a gratuity of bread to the poor.

9. James Will's bequest of the residue of his estate, amounting to \$108,396 35, for the purpose of erecting and endowing "The Wills Hospital for the Indigent Blind and Lame."

The first bequest in this list is that of Benjamin Franklin. A few passages from his Will are here presented, in order that Councils may perceive his directions as to the mode of carrying out his views.

"I wish to be useful, even after my death, if possible, in forming and advancing other young men that may be serviceable to their country in both these towns [Boston and Philadelphia.] To this end I devote 2,000 pounds sterling, which I give, 1,000 pounds thereof to the inhabitants of the town of Boston, Massachusetts, and the other 1,000 to the inhabitants of Philadelphia, in trust to and for the uses, intents, and purposes hereinafter declared. The said sum of 1,000 pounds sterling," (the testator adds,) shall be let out, upon interest at five per cent. per annum, to such young married artificers under the age of twenty-five years, as have served an apprenticeship in the said town, and faithfully fulfilled the duties required in their indentures, so as to obtain a good moral character from at least two respectable citizens, who are willing to become their sureties, in a bond with the applicants, for the repayment of the money so lent, with interest, according to the terms hereinafter prescribed. All which bonds are to be taken for Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in current gold coin. And the managers shall keep a bound book or books wherein shall be entered the names of those who shall apply for and receive the benefit of this institution, and of their sureties, together with the sums lent, the dates, and other necessary and proper records respecting the business and concerns of the institution. And as these loans are intended to assist young married artificers in setting up their business, they are to be proportioned by the discretion of the managers, so as not to exceed sixty pounds sterling to one person, nor to be less than fifteen pounds. And if the number of appliers, so entitled, should be so large as that the sum will not suffice to afford to each as much as might otherwise not be improper, the proportion to each shall be diminished, so as to afford to every one some assistance. These aids may therefore be small at first, but as the capital increases by the accumulated interest, they will be more ample. And in

order to serve as many as possible in their turn, as well as to make the repayment of the principal borrowed, more easy, each borrower shall be obliged to pay, with the yearly interest, one-tenth part of the principal, which sums of principal, and interest, so paid in, shall be again let out to fresh borrowers.” —“ If this plan is executed, and succeeds as projected, without interruption, for one hundred years, the sum will then be one hundred and thirty-one thousand pounds.”

That these directions have not been fully carried out, will appear from the following facts, in relation to the present condition of the fund.

From official returns, it appears, that up to the first of January, 1837, the fund has been borrowed by 193 individuals, in sums mostly of \$ 260 each. From Document (A.) hereto appended, it will be seen, that, at that date, the fund was in the hands of 112 beneficiaries, of whom, nineteen have paid neither principal nor interest, although the accounts of some of them have been open for a period of thirty-four years. Ninety other persons stand indebted in sums from \$ 21 to \$ 292; and three, having borrowed within the year, were not, at the last mentioned date, liable to any demand by the trustees. Of these 109 cases of non-compliance with the terms of the Will, fifty-eight bonds may be subject to a plea of the statute of limitation, and the rest are still valid. In this condition of the fund, it becomes difficult to estimate its present value. Should all the debts be recovered, the amount of the fund would be \$ 23,627 09; but from the length of time elapsed since the date of many of those bonds, such a result is hopeless: and, even this latter sum, large as it is, is below the amount it would have attained at this time, had the intentions of the Testator been fully carried out. The original bequest of \$ 4,444 44, at compound interest for forty-five years, would be \$ 39,833 29; and although the immediate conversion of interest into principal, as the former becomes due, is not always practicable, yet it is believed, that, with careful management, the fund would, at this time, have lacked but little of that amount. How far the fund falls short, may be partly judged from the actual receipts on account of this legacy for the last ten years, (see Document D.) During that time the sum of \$ 16,191 92, has been paid in: as this period included the term for lending out, and receiving back with interest, the whole fund, the receipts within that term may be taken as a safe approximation to its real value; to which must be added, the sum to be obtained through the enforcing of payment, by legal process, from such securities as may be good at this late day. Had the fund been placed at simple interest, it would have amounted to the last mentioned sum by this time.

Had the requirments of the Will been, in former years, fully complied with, the operation of the Fund, at this day, would be sensibly felt by the mechanics of Philadelphia. Passing from one borrower to another, and increasing in a compound ratio, its effect would be to stimulate useful industry, which, without such capital, would have remained unproductive. It would have increased the number of those who do business on their own stock. It would be a standing lessen on the immutable connexion between capital and productive industry, thus constantly inciting to economy and prudence. It would have become the reward of every faithful apprentice, who could look forward to a participation in its benefit. It is deeply to be regretted, that this state of things, which had so captivated the imagination of Franklin that he devoted a portion of his hard earned wealth to realize it for the mechanics of Philadelphia, should, in the emphatic language of his Will, prove "a vain fancy!"

Your Committee have deemed themselves bound by their duty, to apply the only remedy within their power; they have placed the debts in the hands of a proper person for collection.

Your Committee have inquired of the proper authorities of the city of Boston, (from whom they have received the most obliging answers,) what is the present condition of the fund bequeathed to that city. From their answer (Document B.) it appears they know the value of their fund to a dollar. Their whole number of borrowers has been 346, and their investment is as follows:—

Estimate of 13 bonds, considered good,	\$ 1,428 68
Amount deposited on interest in office of Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company,	22,739 00
Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	158 15
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	\$ 24,325 83
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It appears that the number of borrowers in that city is not at present so great as the fund would accomodate; from which fact it is inferred, that young married men are not able to repay money in instalments; and that early marriages are less usual there than in former times. For this reason, a large portion of the fund there is permanently invested.

John Scott's legacy, being of a character similar to the Franklin legacy, is deemed by your Committee most proper to be introduced here, though some other bequests are anterior in time. This is a bequest of \$ 3,000 in the funded three per

cent. stock, given to the corporation of Philadelphia, to be applied to the same purposes as the legacy of Doctor Benjamin Franklin.

From Document C, it appears that this fund is in the hands of twenty individuals, of whom sixteen have failed to comply with the conditions of the loan. Should this state of things continue, the fund would in a few years become of merely nominal value. It is the duty of your Committee to stop the deterioration of this fund,—to enforce upon the securities an observance of their engagements,—and to give the fund its utmost activity and efficiency. A sacred trust has been confided to this corporation by enlightened benevolence: watched, guarded, and improved, it will be a blessing to numbers yet unborn, in an accelerating ratio; improving their morals, stimulating their industry, and increasing their comfort and respectability, as well as adding to the strength and resources of the state. These great advantages must not be blighted in the germ—a fund capable of setting in motion an indefinite amount of labour, must be lost neither by negligence nor supineness. The profits upon the employment of capital, must generally amount, at least, to the legal interest and the wages of labour; those who borrow from this fund, therefore, may be presumed to enjoy the wages of labour while in possession of a portion of this capital, including the advantage arising from conducting business on their own stock. It cannot, therefore, be deemed a hardship that the beneficiaries of this fund are obliged to pay into it that low rate of interest (*viz.* 5 per cent.) which secures its accumulation, since they still retain advantages from its use, sufficient to lay the foundation, under ordinary circumstances, of their future prosperity.

The next Trusts which your Committee will notice, are those of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and William Bleakly. The former left the residue of her estate, amounting to \$ 2,278 59; and the latter the sum of 1,000 pounds; in trust to the corporation to purchase fuel for the necessitous poor. Various other sums have, at different times, been added to these charitable bequests; the whole of which (as appears from official information, Document D.) has been invested as follows:

City five per cent. loan, - - - - -	\$ 6,800
Four shares of stock in Bank of Pennsylvania, (par value,) - - - - -	1,600
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	\$ 8,400
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To this fund is added a legacy of Stephen Girard of \$ 10,000, invested in city five per cent. stock, the distribution of the

proceeds of which has been confided to your Committee, by the Girard Commissioners. It might be presumed, that the interest arising from so large a fund would be sufficient to meet all the demands upon it; your Committee, however, regret to state that this is not the case. Those persons who have participated once, seldom regard it as a temporary palliation of their misfortunes; but, losing confidence in, or not relying on their own exertions, and accomodating their feelings to a state of dependence, they too often plead their former relief as a reason for their continued reliance on public charity. Your Committee also regret to say, that the utmost vigilance is unequal to a perfectly satisfactory disposition of these charities; some few persons will too successfully urge their claims, while more modest and unobtrusive persons are, too late, found to be more deserving. While this subject is before us, your Committee feel disposed to add a few brief remarks of a more general nature. The duty of caring for the poor is undoubtedly a Christian vocation; but it is a duty more properly belonging to man as a social, moral, and accountable being, than to the police of a city; it is a virtue which must find its residence in the heart, inspire the feelings, and enter into the personal character; it cannot be delegated to city authorities, provided for by statutes, or devolved on overseers. In our system of poor laws, (which is an attempt to supply, by legislation, the non-performance of a Christian duty,) it is well questioned by many whether poor laws and alms-houses, as at present existing, are not the cause of much of the pauperism which they are intended to cure. The annual gratuitous distribution of wood to the poor can be regarded only as a branch of that pauper system—a system which continually offers a bounty to pauperism. In every case of unsuccessful application to the City wood fund, hopes are excited, mortifying disappointment incurred, time lost, and moral feelings blunted. Your Committee have found, in the personal experience of each, that a failure to obtain the desired benefit, is generally accompanied by despondency, or angry vituperation; which pitiable effects indicate, that this kind of charity causes too many persons to rely on a fund which can never be equal to the demands upon it.

The next Trust which your Committee will advert to, is the legacy of 1,000 pounds, bequeathed by John Bleakly, “to the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, as a fund to relieve those who may be reduced to the necessity of being placed in the Hospital during the prevalence of yellow fever.” This sum was paid into the City treasury in 1804, and on the first of January, 1837, (according to official information derived from the City Treasurer, see Document D.) appears to be in the following flourishing condition :

City five per cent. loan,	-	-	-	-	\$ 7,000
State five per cent. loan,	-	-	-	-	4,100
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					\$ 11,100

It is well known to Councils, from authentic history, that many epidemic diseases have become comparatively harmless, after having been mortal scourges. The hardy mariner no longer dreads the scurvy—ventilation, cleanliness, and wholesome food, enable our seamen to navigate every sea. The small pox has yielded to a milder substitute. The plague is forgotten in European cities formerly depopulated by it at successive periods. Many other diseases might be mentioned. From these facts, and the circumstance that yellow fever has not perhaps been epidemic in this city since 1820, many persons entertain the opinion that the disease will entirely disappear from the Atlantic cities. Should this happily prove correct, the Yellow Fever Fund will increase in a compound ratio. At no distant day, it must become a question, what shall be done with the money?

John Scott's legacy of \$ 4,000, as a fund for premiums for useful inventions, is invested as follows: (See Document D.)

City five per cent. loan,	-	-	-	-	\$ 4,900
State five per cent. loan,	-	-	-	-	500
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					\$ 5,400

By Ordinance passed November 22, 1821, this fund was placed under the management of "The Philadelphia Society for promoting Agriculture," for the term of five years; which term was, by supplement passed January 25, 1827, extended to seven years longer. Finally, this fund was, by another Ordinance passed February 27, 1834, placed under the management of the Franklin Institute, which society was authorized to carry into effect the conditions and provisions of the Ordinance passed November 22, 1821; those conditions, your Committee believe, have been faithfully observed. The employment of the Franklin Institute, as the agent for awarding the premiums, your Committee entirely approve; combining, as that society does, an array of talent, science, and public spirit, highly creditable to our city. Yet, when we consider the prolific genius of America, and read a list of the patented and other inventions for any one year, your Committee feel surprise that this fund should be so little known, or that so few persons should claim from it an honorary or pecuniary reward. Since May 12, 1832, but seven premiums of twenty dollars each, and one of \$ 7 50, (making a total of \$ 147 50,) have been paid

from this fund. * Your Committee, however, believe, that additional measures have been recently taken by the society, to give wider publicity to the existence of this institution. (Document E.)

Elias Boudinott's bequest, is the next to which your Committee ask the attention of Council, which is a Trust of great importance, whether we consider the enlightened and philanthropic views of the Testator—the magnitude of the bequest—or the number of persons to be benefitted, on fulfilment of the Testator's intentions. That the subject may be properly appreciated by Councils, your Committee extract a portion of the Will of Elias Boudinott, and add such other information as has been obtained by correspondence with several public spirited citizens.

Extract from the Will of Elias Boudinott, Esq., dated 3d July, 1821. Proved and recorded at Mount Holly, New Jersey, 3d November, 1821.

“ And on this further trust that my said trustees shall hold all that certain tract of woodland, situate, lying, and being on the river Susquehanna, in the state Pennsylvania, a little above the Sinnemahoning creek, on the opposite side of the Susquehanna, containing a little more than 13,000 acres, and which I hold under Cadwalader Evans, Esq., by deeds dated the sixth day of April, 1797, and second April, 1802, recorded at Williamsport, in Lib. A. 471, and in Centre county, in Lib. A. 190; and is contained in about thirty-two tracts or lots, into which the same is now divided, as will appear by the patents for the same in my possession, having sold three of them, the original lots containing fourteen thousand seven hundred acres, to and for the use and behoof of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, by whatever name they ought to be called by their charter, and their successors and assigns for ever. This tract on its first appearance is mountainous and rough, yet laying on a navigable river, and as I am told by hunters, who have gone over it, that it is well covered with large timber of every kind, and that in the midst of the tract there are many hundred acres of extraordinary rich level soil, covered with the finest chesnut timber in the county, and from which the largest rafts can be navigated down the West Branch of that fine river—and as it is in contemplation to unite this river by a canal with the Delaware, I have thought it no bad foundation for the following purposes: and therefore I do direct that the same shall be conveyed by my said Trustees, in fee simple, to the said Mayor and Corporation, accordingly. The rents, issues, and profits of which to be applied by the said Mayor and Corporation to and for the beginning of a fund, or in aid of one already

begun, for supplying the poor inhabitants of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, with the householders (not able to provide it for themselves,) at a price, during the winter season, not in any case exceeding the moderate average price of wood during the preceding summer (and that in small quantities,) with fuel of such kind and sorts as to the said Mayor and Corporation may seem more likely to answer the purposes aforesaid; and all moneys received for such wood or other fuel, shall from time to time be added to this fund, so as to increase the same for a more generous and ample supply as aforesaid; and I hope and trust, that in the execution and superintendence of this trust, persons of generous and tender feelings for the distresses of their fellow creatures, may be found, who will gratuitously and generously undertake this heavenly employment, under the Corporation, in favour of the poorer class of society, free from pecuniary compensation. And I hereby request that in such case a silver medal of the value of ten dollars may be given to each and every person who may faithfully serve in this humane undertaking, out of the nett proceeds of this devise."

From a correspondence with the City representatives to the State Legislature, with the Treasurer of Centre county, and others, (all of whom responded to our inquiries with great promptness,) your Committee gather the following facts:

The lands on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, from Lick Run, Lycoming county, to Anderson's creek, Clearfield county, are known to abound with bituminous coal, with iron plenty at intervals. The Boudinott lands are in the centre of this region. Six miles west from these lands, in the county of Clearfield, is the town of Karthaus, where Mr. Peter Ritner has extensive Iron Works; from which place have been sent to Harrisburg, for the inspection of members of Assembly, some very fine specimens of iron ore—coal in the native state—coke made from the coal—and pig iron, and wrought iron, worked into horse-shoe nails—all done from the mineral coal of the place. There is also another Iron Company in operation, to the eastward, at Lick Run; thus we see the iron business commenced above, and below, and in close proximity to the Boudinott lands. It appears, that, although the iron and coal business have progressed but slowly in this region, indications warrant the conclusion, that, in a few years, the former business in the West Branch region will be highly important, and rail road iron will be manufactured here for every part of the United States; while coal, coke, and tar will be brought thence to the City in great quantities. The lands in this region have risen in value within a few years. Below the Sinnemahoning, and extending down to Lick Run, is a body of land, owned by various individuals, which is now in market, and for which

from five to ten dollars per acre, is asked by the owners. This body of land is below the Boudinott lands, separated by the Sinnemahoning. The value of the latter named lands is not so well known; but disinterested persons, in the neighbourhood of them consider \$1 50 cents as a fair price, per acre, at present; and if it were not for the very extensive diffusion of coal and iron in this region, the value of those lands would be immense. Thus the lowest estimate makes these lands worth, at present, near \$ 20,000.

Your Committee must now revert to a less pleasing feature. Five years ago it was known to Councils that extensive depredations were committed upon the timber growing upon these lands. Lumbermen and other persons, trading or living in the vicinity, believing these lands to be derelict, had, with impunity, cut down and carried off much of the valuable timber. With the increase of settlements and trade in the West Branch region, your Committee understand that these depredations are increased rather than diminished. The fine timber on the lower tract, at the mouth of Jews' run, has suffered most; and here an intruder has established himself, who, if suffered to remain, without interruption, may cause future litigation. A visit to these lands, made by the Committee, and such arrangements entered into on the spot as circumstances may demand, are measures that should not long be delayed. A personal inspection may lead to the adoption of means calculated to prevent the spoliation of property, and even hasten the period when the lands shall be made available for the purposes for which the Testator devised them.

The fund to be raised from this splendid public bequest, will probably be attended with all the good, without the bad effects of other schemes for supplying the poor with fuel. A considerable sum will probably be realized annually from the rents and issues of these lands. This sum will be invested in the summer in fuel; which, if wood should be deemed preferable, can be bought in that season for four dollars per cord—a price which may not be much enhanced for many years. In the winter this will be sold to consumers, in limited quantities, at cost prices; whereby those persons will avoid the necessity of paying dealers and speculators from six to twelve dollars a cord, at a season when they can least afford extra burdens. Nothing being given without equivalent, the fund will be restored in the spring; and being enlarged by the next year's rents or issues, will go through the same process. The fund, therefore, will increase in arithmetical ratio; and, however small may be the first term of the series, and trifling the ratio of increase in each year, the sum of the terms, in a number of years, must become an enormous aggregate. A fund constantly augmenting, and not subject to

loss, it is evident, must, at no distant day, be fully adequate to supply the labouring population of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia with fuel, at cost prices.

Samuel Scotten's legacy of twelve dollars per annum, is a trust of small amount, the collection and faithful distribution of which, imposes a greater degree of responsibility, than (for so inconsiderable a gratuity,) ought to devolve upon any body of citizens, constituted for the purposes, and charged with the duties of City Councils. Nevertheless, your Committee have attended to the trust personally, and distributed the bread to such needy persons as applied for it.

The Wills Hospital is under special management; the annual accounts of which have been laid before your body for the past year.

In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to observe, that this Report has been unavoidably delayed, from the necessity of referring to various sources of information, official and non-official, all which references and inquiries, were necessarily attended with delay. If the facts herein set forth, in relation to the valuable Trusts of the Corporation, are considered of sufficient importance to command the attention of Councils, no apology will be deemed necessary for the unusual length of this Report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMASON, *Chairman.*

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A. McCAUSLAND,

CALEB B. MATTHEWS,

JOHN LINDSAY,

CORNELIUS TIERS.

A.

Statement of the Account of Dr. Benjamin Franklin's Legacy, on the 5th of December, 1836.

Amount of the Legacy, received on 26th of May, 1791, from Executors, - - - - - \$4,444 44
 Amount at the credit of the Legacy, on the 16th of December, 1836, - - - - - 24,521 46
 For part of which, the following bonds were in the hands of the Treasurer, on the last mentioned day.

Date of receiving Loans.	PRINCIPALS.	SURETIES.	Am't. of Prin- cipal unpaid.		Date of last Payment.
			Am't. of Prin- cipal unpaid.	Am't. of Prin- cipal and In- terest unpaid.	
1803, January 8,	Job West,	John Clifton and Peter Crouding,	\$50 00	\$53 75	10, 1811.
1803, March, 31,	James Duffield,	Thomas Bradley and William Keighler,	130 00	149 50	April 12, 1808.
1804, August, 22,	John Wallace,	Robert Ferguson and David Scott,	75 00	82 50	August 23, 1811.
1807, January 29,	Lewis Thomas,	John Arrison and Jacob Perkins,	52 00	55 90	December 3, 1816.
1807, February 19,	John Hampton,	Jacob Vogdes and Thomas Billington,	80 00	90 00	May 11, 1813.
1808, January 19,	Joseph Smith,	John Kling and John L. Baker,	50 00	53 75	February 7, 1816.
1808, May 25,	Ralph Smith, Jr.,	Nathan A. Smith and John M. Smith,	20 00	21 00	August 4, 1819.
1810, July 18,	Evan Davis,	Ralph Smith and Norman Borrowghs,	130 00	149 00	February 13, 1816.
1811, November 25,	Francis Harmer,	Peter Bob and Alexander Hampton,	40 00	43 00	December 30, 1826.
1812, February 4,	Robert Taylor,	John Wilson and Joseph Eager,	52 00	55 90	July 10, 1824.
1812, February 28,	George H. Cox,	David Cox and Samuel Stackhouse,	182 00	218 40	May 8, 1815.
1812, April 28,	John Coppuck,	John Powell and William Coles,	130 00	149 50	August 4, 1819.
1812, October 9,	Lewis H. Foote,	John Poulson and Nathaniel Pope,	78 00	85 80	January 16, 1827.
1812, December 12,	Ninon Albertson,	Alexander Wilson and Thomas Parker,	60 00	64 57	March 17, 1827.
1813, May 14,	John Frazer, Jr.	A. W. Robinson and Thomas S. Ridgway,	182 00	218 40	March 3, 1817.
1813, November 3,	Samuel Stackhouse,	Thomas Stackhouse and David Cox,	208 00	254 80	November 3, 1815.
1814, February 3,	John M. Boddy,	William Levis and Jacob W. Sexton,	234 00	292 50	February 6, 1815.
1814, February 28,	Aaron Bavis,	James Quinn and Philip Jones,	208 00	254 80	February 29, 1816.
1814, March 23,	John Shultze,	Nicholas Shultze and Robert Roberts,	208 00	254 80	April 25, 1816.
1830, April 14,	William McKeage,	James McKeage and Joseph Rice,	135 00	154 80	November 17, 1827.
1815, July 26,	James N. Chattin,	Benjamin Kellum and Samuel C. Landis,	208 00	254 80	August 14, 1819.
1815, October 2,	John R. Cox,	Samuel J. Robbins and Benjamin Robbins,	156 00	183 30	August 8, 1820.
Amounts carried over,			\$2,688 00	\$3,142 77	

Date of receiving loans.	PRINCIPALS.	SURETIES.	Am't of Prin- cipal and In- terest unpaid		Date of last Payment.
			Am't of Prin- cipal unpaid	Am't of Prin- terest unpaid	
1816, April	Eli Mustin,	Amounts brought forward, George Mustin, Jr., and John Mustin, David J. Snethen and Jacob Zell, John Monington and John Welsh, Robert Wallace and John Saunders, William Knox and Joseph Morton, William Haydock and S. P. Garrigues, Joseph Allen and Samuel Reynolds, John Wilson and Robert Barrett, Thomas Dugdale, Jr. and Samuel English, Andrew Curcier and H. Fournier, Constantine Thomson and Joseph Ferrill, John Eberle and Daniel Large, John Goodshall and George Fox, Charles Marbacher and Thomas Cranmer, Joseph L. Inglis and James Donnelly, Edward Beachly and John Williamson, Caspar Schaffer and John Conrad, Abel Dicks and George Shronk, James S. Duval and John Kern, Simon Probasco and Robert A. Parrish, Henry Schell and Frederick Boey, Charles S. Smith and Thomas C. Lender, Jeremiah Hukill and David Pearson, John R. McMullin and David Correy, William Richards and Henry Dubosq, George Schmidt and John S. Hoffman, Joseph Jacobs and Oliver Smith, George Philler and Jacob B. Lancaster, John Cromwell and Evi Smith, Nathan Witman, Jr. and S. K. Bartleson,	\$3,142 77	\$3,142 77	16, 1819.
1816, July	John Death,		218 40	218 40	April
1817, June	Henry Emerick,		58 50	58 50	July
1818, January	Warner Meyers,		292 50	292 50	June
1818, April	George D. Clarke,		218 40	218 40	January
1818, September	William Garrigues,		154 80	154 80	May
1819, February	Samuel McManin,		331 50	331 50	Paid nothing.
1819, September	Rowland T. Smith,		78 00	78 00	January 25, 1826.
1819, November	Henry Kinley,		26 00	26 00	November 7, 1828.
1819, November	L. P. Faures,		104 00	104 00	April
1820, January	Asher Atkinson,		100 00	100 00	June
1820, January	Fountain Horner,		225 00	225 00	15, 1826.
1820, August	Peter Fox,		250 00	250 00	25 January 15, 1821.
1821, January	Andrew Johnson,		260 00	260 00	Paid nothing.
1821, September	Henry Bennis,		260 00	260 00	Paid nothing.
1822, February	Samuel M. Wisdom,		52 00	52 00	Paid nothing.
1822, June	James Boyles,		260 00	260 00	August 17, 1832.
1822, October	Thomas Roberts,		156 00	156 00	Paid nothing.
1823, February	William Shultz,		130 00	130 00	December 6, 1826.
1823, June	Peter Probasco,		130 00	130 00	November 5, 1827.
1823, November	Henry Schell, Jr.		130 00	130 00	July 10, 1828.
1824, February	G. W. McLaughlin,		149 50	149 50	November 1, 1828.
1824, August	David Pearson, Jr.		117 00	117 00	November 17, 1829.
1825, March	James M. Curry,		183 30	183 30	December 15, 1828.
1825, March	James Daniel,		218 40	218 40	April 10, 1828.
1825, August	Frederick Straley,		292 50	292 50	March 15, 1826.
1825, September	John Vandyke,		156 00	156 00	June 10, 1836.
1825, October	Robert Gaw, Jr.		50 00	50 00	18 August 27, 1835.
1825, November	John Cassidy,		208 00	208 00	September 27, 1830.
1825, December	Abraham F. Peart,		182 00	182 00	254 80 November 7, 1827.
			234 00	234 00	218 40 January 13, 1829.
					292 50 January 11, 1827.

Date of receiving Loans.	PRINCIPALS.	SURETIES.	Am't. of Principal unpaid	Am't. of Principal and Interest unpaid	Date of last Payment.
		Amounts brought forward,	\$11,263 00	\$1,6099 10	Settled.
1830, September 4,	Michael Taylor,	Frederick Tees and John J. Souder,			Paid nothing.
1831, May 10,	William Fenner,	Uriah Warren and William S. Randolph,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1831, May 24,	Aaron F. Cox,	Thomas J. Rodgers and Abraham C. Winter,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1831, June 18,	William R. Willitts,	Ebenezer Willitts and William Pierie,	156 00	183 30	June 18, 1835.
1831, November 5,	Benjamin Tague, Jr.,	William Tague and Benjamin Tague,	156 00	183 30	August 5, 1836.
1831, November 12,	Thomas McGrath,	Richard G. Laning and Charles F. Gebler,	182 00	218 40	November 12, 1834.
1831, November 16,	David Donaldson,	Joseph Marshall and George Reed,	156 00	183 30	March 23, 1836.
1831, December 28,	William Mooney,	John Goodrich and George F. Thrasher,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1832, March 14,	James P. Barker,	John P. Binns and Joseph Hand,	260 00	331 50	March 25, 1834.
1832, April 11,	Thomas J. Tatem,	John F. Johnson and Allen W. Tatem,	208 00	254 80	March 9, 1836.
1832, April 9,	George Lowder,	Samuel Salter and Basset Baker,	90 00	105 75	May 9, 1836.
1832, July 11,	George S. McLaurin,	Henry Walters and Evan Lewis,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1832, November 5,	William Dye,	John Eggleton and Stephen Baker,	208 00	254 80	January 15, 1835.
1833, February 4,	Francis P. Dubosq,	Daniel Green and Henry Dubosq,	216 00	269 64	November 7, 1834.
1833, March 26,	George Wehtzell,	Nicholas Wehtzell and Jacob Siner,	234 00	292 50	February 11, 1836.
1833, June 5,	Isaacchar E. Thomas,	Joseph E. Brown and Barlow,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1833, September 20,	Ezekiel Costen,	Benton Costen and John Hepburn,	182 00	218 40	July 18, 1836.
1834, February 11,	James Bell,	Samuel Bell and John Owens,	234 00	292 50	September 20, 1834.
1834, June 13,	James B. Smith,	John L. Smith and William T. Miller,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1834, July 28,	Samuel C. Beideman,	John Bierly and Adam Hamrick,	208 00	254 80	January 22, 1836.
1835, January 23,	William P. Finn,	J. Ebenezer Mustin and J. S. Miller,	234 00	292 50	July 28, 1835.
1835, July 13,	Henry Grieb,	James Glasgow and William Severns,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1835, July 31,	William L. Drane,	William Roberts and Oliver Spencer,	234 00	292 50	July 13, 1836.
1835, August 19,	Stephen Perpignan,	Samuel Ross and Jacob Earnest,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1835, November 6,	Edward A. Allen,	Jacob Connelly and Henry Stryker,	234 00	292 50	August 19, 1836.
1836, January 9,	Christian D. Brown,	John McMichael and Jacob S. Cunitz,	234 00	292 50	November 5, 1836.
1836, February 1,	George M. Sailor,	Henry Sailer and Joseph E. Schell,	260 00	331 50	Not yet due.
1836, June 22,	William H. Miles,	William Miles and George Stewart,	260 00	331 50	Ditto.
			\$17,289 00	\$23,627 09	Ditto.

B.

Boston, December 23, 1836.

SIR—

Your letter to Mr. Lyman, late Mayor of this City, has been handed to me, with a request that I should answer it; which I proceed to do.

The whole number of loans from this fund, from May, 1791, to the present time, has been 255, in sums varying from \$ 70 00 to \$ 266 00, up to the year 1800, since which time they have usually been \$ 200 00.

From July, 1811, to the present time, the number of loans has been 91, of which 50, at least, have been repaid (in whole or in part,) by sureties, and on four of these are balances which cannot be collected, both principals and sureties being insolvent.

Dr. Franklin's donation was £ 1,000 sterling. The present value of the fund, is as follows:

Estimate of 13 bonds, considered good,	-	-	-	\$ 1,428 68
Amount deposited, on interest, in office of the Massachusetts				
Hospital Life Insurance Company.	-	-	-	22,739 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	-	-	-	158 15
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				\$ 24,325 83

It is apparent, from these facts, that the benevolent intentions of the donor, have not been realized, and that, in the present condition of our country, it is not advantageous to married mechanics, under the age of twenty-four years, to borrow money to be repaid in easy instalments, at a low rate of interest; and the improvidence of early marriages, among that class of men, may fairly be inferred.

The great number of instances in which sureties have been obliged to pay the loans, has rendered it not so easy, as formerly, for applicants to obtain the required security. This is proved by the small number of loans from the fund, averaging, for the last five years, not more than one a year.

Until within the last twenty years, no great care was taken in accumulating the fund. It is now carefully attended to; and money not required for actual use, is placed in the Life Insurance Company, where it increases at the rate of about five and one-third per cent. a year.

The loans are made at the rate of 5 per cent., but on instalments past due, 6 per cent. is charged, from the time they were payable, and the bonds of delinquents are put in suit after reasonable notice. Two sureties, at least, are required on each bond.

I am sir, respectfully,
your obedient servant,
W. MINOT.

JOHN THOMASON, Esq.,

Statement of the Account of John Scott's Legacy,—to be applied to the same purposes as Dr. Benjamin Franklin's Legacy.

Amount received, on the 31st of December, 1817, from the Executors, - - - \$3,000 00
 And on the 18th of July, from ditto. - - - 70 78

Amount at the Cr. of the Legacy, on the 17th of December, 1836, - - - \$3,070 78
 For part of which, the following bonds were in the hands of the Treasurer, on the last mentioned day, \$5,507 19

Date of receiving Loans.	SURETIES.		Am't. of Prin- cipal.	Am't. of Prin- cipal and In- terest.	Date of last Payment.
	PRINCIPALS.	SURETIES.			
1829, September 1,	William F. Thora,	Enoch Thorn and Jacob Reeves,	\$104 00,	\$117 00	April 7, 1836.
1829, September 2,	William Deal,	William Sutton and Thomas Vanhook,	130 00	149 50	March 27, 1835.
1829, September 10,	William Brown,	Levi Smith and Isaac Brown,	208 00	254 80	October 15, 1831.
1829, September 11,	Charles D. Devinney,	John Devinney and John A. Miskey,	234 00	292 50	February 4, 1833.
1829, September 30,	George How,	William Garratt and Robert How,	78 00	85 80	November 7, 1836.
1829, November 3,	John T. James,	Issac Brown and John C. Gardy,	208 00	254 80	December 29, 1831.
1836, April 6,	William E. Cornwell,	James Cornwell and Richard Bender,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1830, August 23,	Augustus D. Tarr,	George Beatty and Philip Duffy,	182 00	218 40	September 2, 1833.
1830, September 11,	Daniel Jewell,	Joseph Feinour, Sen. and Joseph Feinour, Jr.,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1830, December 3,	William J. Mullin,	Joseph Chew and Jeffrey Chew,	156 00	183 30	December 14, 1835.
1830, December 17,	Joseph G. Devinney,	Charles D. Devinney and H. Deringer,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1832, May 11,	Charles Sharpless,	Abraham Wilt and Isaac Belger,	180 00	225 00	May 9, 1833.
1832, June 2,	Edmund A. Willey,	John P. Binns and William N. Murphy,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1832, July 12,	Henry Hory,	Andrew Manual and John G. Brown,	260 00	331 50	Ditto.
1832, August 14,	Thomas P. Fennel,	Franklin Eyre and William P. Hand,	182 00	218 40	September 23, 1835.
1833, May 29,	Joseph H. Read,	Isaac Wills and William W. Read,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1833, June 6,	Henry A. Harder,	John G. Harder and D. F. Condie,	234 00	292 50	June 16, 1834.
1834, November 3,	John A. Harmer,	Henry Rihl and Thomas Duffield,	260 00	331 50	Paid nothing.
1835, February 5,	Charles Frishmuth,	Jacob Frishmuth and William Green,	234 00	292 50	February 5, 1836.
1836, September 12,	James H. Stevens,	Silas W. Sexton and Jacob Painter,	260 00	331 50	Nothing due.
			\$4,210 00	\$5,236 50	

D.

Stocks belonging to the following Trust Funds, on the 1st of January, 1837.

John Scott's Legacy for Useful Inventions—

City 5 per cent. loan,	-	-	-	\$ 4,900 00
State 5 per cent. loan,	-	-	-	500 00
				<hr/> \$ 5,400 00

Fund for the relief of the Yellow Fever Poor—

City 5 per cent. loan,	-	-	-	\$7,000 00
State 5 per cent. loan,	-	-	-	4,100 00
				<hr/> 11,100 00

Fund for supplying certain Poor of the City with Fuel—

City 5 per cent. loan	-	-	-	\$6,800 00
Four shares of stock in Bank of Pennsylvania, par value, 1,600 00				<hr/> 8,400 00
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Cash received on account of Dr. Franklin's Legacy, in the following years—

1826,	\$2,296 98	Brought forward,	\$12,364 65
1827,	2,143 96	1832,	1,172 83
1828,	3,467 32	1833,	1,052 11
1829,	1,436 92	1834,	851 39
1830,	1,207 62	1835,	2,125 70
1831,	1,811 85	1836,	922 22
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Carried forward	\$12,364 65	Total,	<hr/> \$18,488 90

Cash received on account of John Scott's Legacy, in the following years—

1829,	\$3,309 76	Brought forward,	\$6,666 16
1830,	1,185 23	1834,	384 26
1831,	1,087 02	1835,	405 62
1832,	449 87	1836,	519 83
1833,	634 28		<hr/>
	<hr/>	Total,	<hr/> \$7,975 87
Carried forward,	\$6,666 16		

E.

The following premiums, awarded by the Agricultural Society, from Interest of John Scott's Legacy, have been paid since May 12, 1832, viz :

1832, May	12, James Mease,	-	-	\$20 00
1832, September	27, Stephen Hill,	-	-	20 00
1832, September	27, Dr. N. C. Barribino,	-	-	20 00
1833, October	23, Samuel D. Breed,	-	-	20 00
1834, February	15, William F. Geddes, for printing,			7 50
1834, July	11, William Hamilton,	-	-	20 00
1835, June	26, Philos Tyler	-	-	20 00
1835, June	26, Adam Brook,	-	-	20 00

The following premiums have been awarded, but not paid, by the Franklin Institute.

SIR,—

On reviewing the books of the Franklin Institute, I find they have awarded the following premiums from the Scott Legacy, viz :

1834, February	7, To Philos Tyler, of Philadelphia, for a shifting Gauge Cock.
1834, March	12, To Thomas Ewbank, of New York, for Lead Pipes.
1834, May	14, To McMullin & Holland, of Sinking Valley, Pennsylvania, for Knitting Machine.
1834, May	14, To Ainos Holcomb, of Southweck, Massachusetts, for Mounting for Telescopes.
1834, November	12, To N. Bassett, Wilmington, Delaware, for East and West Compasses.
1834, December	10, To W. A. Burt, of Michigan, for Instrument to determine the Variation of the Compass.
1834, May	12, To Augustus Prutzman, of Philadelphia, for a Door Lock.

Yours, respectfully,

WILLIAM HAMILTON, *Actuary.*

February 10, 1837.

JOHN THOMASON, Esq.

APPENDIX, No. 38.

The Committee on Public Highways, agreeably to the Ordinance of October 1st, 1835, which requires the several Committees of Councils, to report from time to time the state of the public business referred particularly to their care, believe this a suitable time to make Council acquainted with the state of the works now in progress.

Numerous Petitions for paving and repaving have been referred to the Committee, most of which have been attended to, and those reported and acted upon in Councils are now in progress, those not yet considered in Committee will meet with early attention.

Several Culverts have also, on the recommendation of this Committee, been ordered by Councils to be constructed, which will be attended to as early as will be consistent with the safe and economical prosecution of the work.

The Committee regret to state that an unusual number of the public streets of the City are in very bad order, and will require a considerable amount of repaving to place them in a respectable condition, those which the Committee believe should be attended to first, will be in a short time reported for the consideration of Councils.

Agreeably to resolution of Councils, application was made at the last session of the Legislature for the passage of an Act placing the setting and resetting of curb stones under the control of the City Councils, but from a press of other business the subject was not reached previous to the adjournment of that body.

The Committee feel obliged again to urge upon Councils the necessity of another application, at a suitable period for the passage of an Act for the purposes above stated, fully believing that the loose and slight manner in which Curb stones are now set is one of the main causes of the great expense annually incurred in repaving.

The Committee, at the commencement of their duties in October last, gave their attention to the Rail Road along High, Third and Dock street, which they found in an unfinished state, but owing to the lateness of the season, and the obstructions in Dock street, arising from the erection of the Tobacco Warehouse, it was found impossible to make any progress towards its completion until this spring.

Under a belief that it was the settled policy of the City Councils that the Rail Road was essentially necessary to promote the interests of the City, and that it should be completed as early as practicable, in a manner that should make it com-

pletely available for all the purposes intended in its construction, the Committee have been engaged during the time the work has necessarily remained in its present state, in making inquiries in every possible manner in which they believed information could be obtained both at home and abroad, the result of these inquiries is the adoption of a plan for its completion, recommended by the Engineer, upon the success of which, he is willing to stake his professional reputation—agreeably to which plan, the Committee have adopted measures for the prompt and efficient completion of the work, which they sincerely hope in the course of a few weeks to have so finished as to give entire satisfaction to the citizens of Philadelphia, as well as answer the most sanguine expectations of the warmest friends of the work.

Agreeably to the direction of Councils, the Committee have made a contract with Christopher Goode to pave a portion of one of the public streets, or the crossing of two streets with blocks of granite of eight inches square and eight inches deep, for which purpose the granite is now preparing and will shortly be put down under the direction of the Committee.

The Committee have had under consideration the Resolution from Councils relating to Tram ways, and would recommend to Councils the propriety of making the experiment upon one of the streets about to be repaved in a central part of the City, they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the Resolution attached to this report, all of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOSEPH T. MATHER,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN THOMASON,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be authorised to make the experiment of stone flagging in Tramways in one of the streets about to be repaved.

APPENDIX, No. 39.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1837.

The Committee on Legacies and Trusts, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Western Hose Company, asking for a participation in the annual appropriation to the Fire Companies, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the said Western Hose Company has forty-two adult members, that its location is the south-west corner of Spruce and Beech streets, and that a further supply of Hose is necessary to render it efficient.

These facts, your Committee respectfully submit, are sufficient to warrant a favourable answer to the Memorial of the Western Hose Company. The number of members is sufficiently large to render the most important services to the public in time of fire, while the location is such as cannot fail to be useful. Within a few years, the western portion of the city has been greatly improved, streets have been built up with houses that would adorn any city; extensive warehouses are erected, filled with the merchandise of a prosperous inland trade; factories and workshops are multiplying to meet the demands of our internal improvements. To protect this vast amount of property, it seems necessary that a portion of our intrepid and devoted Firemen should be found near this newly risen part of our city.

In recommending the passage of the subjoined resolution, your Committee are aware that prudence demands great caution in extending the appropriations to Fire Companies. So long as the whole number is deemed sufficiently large for the safety of property in the city, Councils should be slow to offer bounties for the formation of new Companies, and the system of appropriating the public money to irresponsible bodies is one which should be circumscribed within judicious limits. The invaluable services of this body of citizens, and the public notoriety of their heavy disbursements, could alone excuse this mode of appropriating the public money.

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated as a donation to the Western Hose Company, which amount shall be paid to the President of said Company on the requisition of the Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

JOHN THOMASON, *Chairman*,
CALEB B. MATTHEWS,
JOHN LINDSAY,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,

CORNELIUS TIERS,
H. J. WILLIAMS,
A. McCAUSLAND.

APPENDIX, No. 40.

“An Ordinance for raising supplies and making appropriations for the year 1837.”

Sec. 1. Be it Ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and required to levy on the estates Real and Personal within the city of Philadelphia, a tax for City purposes of seventy cents in every hundred dollars, according to the last triennial county assessment and the same amount of personal Taxes as was assessed in the year 1836.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of paying the interest on the city debt, defraying the expenses of the Corporation, extending the Water Works, Paving and Cleansing the City and Repairing and Improving the City Property, the following sums, in addition to the unexpended appropriations of the year 1836, are hereby appropriated.

To the Watering Committee.

For Permanent Improvements,	\$36,000 00
For Incidental Expenses,	14,000 00
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	50,000 00

To the Committee on Finance.

For interest on the City Debt,	\$139,231 00
For Interest on Money to be borrowed this year,	5,000 00
For Salaries of the officers of the Corporation and Incidental Expenses of the Corporation,	23,000 00
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	\$ 167,231 00

To the Committee on Police.

For Salaries and Wages of the Mayor's Clerk, Clerks of the Markets and Assistants, High and Special Constables, Turnkeys, Watch- men, &c.	\$76,240 00
For Oil, Gas, Rent of Police Stations, and for Repairs and Alterations to Police Stations, New Lamp Posts, Watch Boxes, &c.	36,500 00
For Rewarding persons active in bringing of- fenders to Justice, Watchmen's Coats and other incidental Expenses,	2,450 00
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	\$115,190 00
Less amount appropriated from the Girard Estates,	33,190 00
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	\$82,000 00

The Committee on Public Highways.

For Paving and Repaving Streets, Building
Sewers, Pumps and Wells, Regulating Streets, &c. \$60,000 00

The Committee on City Property.

For the care and Improvement of the Public	
Squares,	9,000 00
Wharves and Landings,	2,000 00
Taxes and Care of City Property and Public Clocks and Incidental Expenses,	6,000 00
Market Houses,	11,000 00
Improvements at the Drawbridge,	42,000 00
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	\$70,000 00

The Committee on Cleansing the City.

For Salaries of Superintendents, Labor Hire,
Horses, Repairs, &c. \$38,000 00

The Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

For Distribution among Fire and Hose Companies, \$8,100 00

Sec. 3. That for supplying the said appropriations and providing for the permanent appropriations made by existing Ordinances, the taxes authorized to be levied by the first section of this Ordinance, the Water Rents for the year 1837, the income of the Corporate Estate and all other sums not specifically appropriated, which may be received at the City Treasury are hereby appropriated; and in order to provide the amount appropriated for the permanent improvement of the Water Works, for the improvement of City Property and for the extension of new paving. The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation, in such sums and at such times as the Committee on Finance may direct, the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, for which certificates, to be signed by the City Treasurer or his Assistant, and transferable by delivery only, shall be issued in such form and in such amounts as the Committee on Finance may deem it expedient. The said certificates shall not be redeemable without the consent of the holders thereof, before the twelfth day of May, Anno Domini, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-eight, and shall bear interest at the rate of one per centum per annum, payable when the same are redeemable at the office of the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX, No. 41.

*Certificates of Stock belonging to the Sinking Fund of the
City of Philadelphia, March 1, 1837.*

By whom issued.	Interest paid to.	Redeemable.	Amount.
City 5 per cents.	January 1, 1837.	January 1, 1838	\$ 12,800 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1839	10,000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1840	300 00
" 6 "	" "	" 1, 1840	2,900 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1845	26,000 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1846	16,200 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1848	9,000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1850	17,600 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1851	20,000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1855	4,200 00
" 5 "	" "	April 1, 1855	18,500 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1855	10,000 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1856	25,000 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1857	14,300 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1858	16,300 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1859	34,200 00
" 5 "	" "	January 1, 1863	15,000 00
" 5 "	" "	July 1, 1866	30,900 00
			<hr/> \$283,200 00
State 5 per cents.	February 1, 1837.	June 1, 1841	1,779 83
" 5 "	" "	December 1, 1846	4,866 77
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1850	20,500 00
" 5 "	" "	" 1, 1853	1,930 87
			<hr/> \$29,077 47
Phila. Co. 5 per cent.	February 1, 1837.	January 1, 1860	950 00
Schuylkill Nav. Co.	" "	500 shares,	25,000 00
Schuy'l Per. Bridge.	" "	394 shares,	3,940 00
West Phil. Canal Co.		100 shares,	5,000 00
West Phil. Canal Co.		loan,	5,000 00
Philad. Steam Tow Boat Company,		75 shares,	7,500 00
			<hr/> 47,390 00
Commissioners of the Girard Estates,		Loan temporary,	89,875 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$449,542 47

An Account of the different Loans to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, showing their respective amounts, the period of their becoming due, and Annual Interest thereon.

5 pr.ct.loans.	6 pr.ct.loans.	When Payable.	In 5 pr. ct.	In. 6 pr. ct.	Total In.
\$26,400		January 1, 1838	\$1,320		\$1,320 00
10,000		" 1, 1839	500		500 00
	290,100	" 1, 1840		17,406	17,406 00
	10,000	July 1, 1840		600	600 00
91,900		January 1, 1840	4,595		4,595 00
33,500		" 1, 1843	1,675		1,675 00
	50,000	July 1, 1843		3,000	3,000 00
26,000		" 1, 1845	1,300		1,300 00
386,000	70,000	January 1, 1846	19,300	4,200	23,500 00
30,000		July 1, 1848	1,500		1,500 00
100,000		" 1, 1849	5,000		5,000 00
57,600		" 1, 1850	2,880		2,880 00
68,000		January 1, 1851	3,400		3,400 00
30,000	25,000	" 1, 1852	1,500	1,500	3,000 00
	25,000	" 1, 1853		1,500	1,500 00
25,000		" 1, 1854	1,250		1,250 00
26,000		November 1, 1854	1,300		1,300 00
123,000		January 1, 1855	6,150		6,150 00
18,500		April 1, 1855	925		925 00
10,000		July 1, 1855	500		500 00
55,000		" 1, 1856	2,750		2,750 00
67,000		January 1, 1857	3,350		3,350 00
50,000		July 1, 1857	2,500		2,500 00
83,500		" 1, 1858	4,175		4,175 00
32,400		January 1, 1859	1,620		1,620 00
55,000		July 1, 1859	2,750		2,750 00
67,500		" 1, 1860	3,375		3,375 00
36,200		January 1, 1861	1,810		1,810 00
37,000		" 1, 1862	1,850		1,850 00
60,000		July 1, 1862	3,000		3,000 00
35,000		January 1, 1863	1,750		1,750 00
100,000		July 1, 1864	5,000		5,000 00
100,000		" 1, 1865	5,000		5,000 00
100,000		" 1, 1866	5,000		5,000 00
90,000		January 1, 1867	4,500		4,500 00
90,000		" 1, 1868	4,500		4,500 00
100,000		" 1, 1869	5,000		5,000 00
<u>\$2,220 500</u>	<u>\$470,100</u>		<u>\$ 111,025</u>	<u>\$28,206</u>	<u>\$139,131 00</u>

Dr.

The Sinking Fund of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens

1836.			
February	5,	To Cash for a Certificate of West Philadelphia Canal Company Stock, - - - -	\$5,000 00
March	10,	" Cash paid Commissr's Girard Estates, on loan,	50,000 00
"	10,	" " D. B. Stacey, Treasurer, instalment on Steam Tow Boat Company Stock, -	750 00
May	10,	" Cash paid Commissr's Girard Estates, on loan,	20,000 00
July	8,	" " do. do. do.	10,000 00
August	23,	" " D. B. Stacey, Treasurer, instalment on Steam Tow Boat Company Stock, -	1,500 00
Sept.	13,	" Cash paid Commissr's Girard Estates, on loan,	10,000 00
October	12,	" " do. do. do.	15,000 00
"	31,	" " do. do. do.	5,000 00
Novem.	15,	" " D. B. Stacey, Treasurer, instalment on Steam Tow Boat Company Stock, -	750 00
Decem.	16,	" paid D. B. Stacey, Treasurer, instalment in full for Certificate of Stock to Steam Tow Boat Company, - - - -	750 00
"	19,	" Cash paid Commissr's Girard Estates, on loan,	5,000 00
"	31,	Balance, - - - -	41,556 72

\$165,306 72

of Philadelphia, from January 1, 1836, to January 1, 1837.

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1836.						
January	1,	By Balance,	-	-	-	\$ 75,144 89
"	1,	" Six months interest on \$280,300 city 5 per cts.	-	-	-	7,007 50
"	1,	" " " 2,900 " 6 "	-	-	-	87 00
"	2,	" Cash premium on loan of \$12,500,	-	-	-	625 00
"	5,	" " " 23,900,	-	-	-	1,100 00
"	7,	" " " 13,700,	-	-	-	685 00
"	25,	" " " 7,500,	-	-	-	375 00
"	30,	" " " 16,000,	-	-	-	800 00
February	2,	" Quarterly appropriations,	-	-	-	6,250 00
"	5,	" Cash dividend on Schuylkill Per. Bridge,	-	-	-	157 60
"	5,	" " Interest on \$51,891 37 state 5 per cents.	-	-	-	1,372 36
"	11,	" " Dividends on Schuylkill Nav. Co. stock,	-	-	-	2,250 00
"	15,	" " Premium on loan of \$17,500,	-	-	-	875 00
March	5,	" " do. do. 12,500,	-	-	-	625 00
"	10,	" " do. do. 8,000,	-	-	-	400 00
"	31,	" " do. do. 9,600,	-	-	-	480 00
May	2,	" Quarterly appropriations,	-	-	-	6,250 00
July	1,	" Six months interest on \$280,300 city 5 per cts.	-	-	-	7,007 50
"	1,	" " " 2,900 " 6 "	-	-	-	87 00
"	1,	" Cash of Benj. Jones, Jr. Treasurer, on account of the principal sum loaned to Commissioners of the Girard Estates,	-	-	-	5,000 00
"	7,	" Cash of Benj. Jones, Jr. Treasurer, interest on loan of \$70,000,	-	-	-	875 35
"	14,	" Cash premium on loan of \$17,000,	-	-	-	850 00
"	14,	" " do. do. 5,000,	-	-	-	250 00
August	2,	" Quarterly appropriations,	-	-	-	6,250 00
"	2,	" Cash premium on loan of \$5,000,	-	-	-	264 58
"	4,	" " Dividend on Schuylkill Per. Bridge stock,	-	-	-	275 80
"	4,	" " Interest on \$51,891 37 state 5 per cents.	-	-	-	1,372 36
"	8,	" " Premium and interest on loan of \$9,000,	-	-	-	483 66
"	12,	" " Dividend on Schuylkill Nav. Co. stock,	-	-	-	2,375 00
"	27,	" " Premium and interest on loan of \$5,500,	-	-	-	310 60
Sept.	2,	" " do. do. do. 8,000,	-	-	-	458 68
"	3,	" " do. on loan of 11,000,	-	-	-	110 00
"	3,	" " do. do. 4,000,	-	-	-	229 92
"	5,	" " do. do. 10,000,	-	-	-	110 00
"	6,	" " do. do. 6,500,	-	-	-	377 36
"	8,	" " do. do. 1,100	-	-	-	33 00
"	9,	" " of Thos. Biddle & Co. for sale of \$1,500, state 5 per cent. stock,	-	-	-	1,530 00
"	15,	" " Premium on Loan of \$21,000	-	-	-	210 00
1837.						
Sept.	23,	" " for redemption right of lot of ground on Lombard street,	-	-	-	1,583 34
"	28,	" " Premium on loan of \$2,000	-	-	-	49 44
October	7,	" " for sale of \$11,227 77 state 5 per cts.	-	-	-	11,227 77
"	8,	" " do. 1,600 " 5 "	-	-	-	1,600 00
"	11,	" " do. 5,300 " 5 "	-	-	-	5,300 00
"	20,	" " do. 664 17 " 5 "	-	-	-	664 17
Novem.	10,	" " do. 1,450 " 5 "	-	-	-	1,450 00
"	25,	" " Premium on loan of \$1,300,	-	-	-	32 50
"	25,	" " Quarterly appropriations,	-	-	-	6,250 00
Decem.	9,	" " Sale of \$4,074 96 state 5 per cents.	-	-	-	4,176 84
"	17,	" " Premium on loan of \$1,100,	-	-	-	27 50
						<u>\$165,306 72</u>

APPENDIX, No. 42.

A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance relative to the sale of Fresh Shad."

Be it ordained and enacted, by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That it shall and may be lawful to sell and expose for sale Fresh Shad, in the City of Philadelphia, until the seventh day of June, inclusive, in each and every year hereafter; any thing in the Ordinance, to which this is a Supplement, or in any other Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPENDIX, No. 43.

The Committee on Police to whom were referred the several petitions of the Silent and Loud Watch, and the assistants of the Clerks of High street Market, asking for an increase of wages, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have attentively considered the subject referred to them, and have come to conclusions, in each case, adverse to the prayers of the petitioners.

The Committee are of opinion that the present compensation, is, under ordinary circumstances, a full equivalent for the services rendered. And as the prices of provisions, fuel, and most of the other necessities of life are now reasonable, with a probability of a still further reduction on many articles, there appears no sufficient reason for recommending an increase of wages.

They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,
JOHN WIEGAND,
JOHN P. WETHERILL,
A. FERGUSON,
JAMES CRISSY.

Philad., May 31, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 44.

“An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance, authorising the construction of the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That so much of an Ordinance, entitled, “An Ordinance to construct a branch of the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road from Broad street to the River Delaware, and for the building of certain Market Houses,” as relates to the construction of said Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, &c., That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, are hereby authorized and required to take up and remove said Rail Road, to sell or otherwise dispose of the materials, and repave the vacancies in the street pavements thereby occasioned.

APPENDIX, No. 45.

The Committee on Public Highways to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Purden, praying Councils to pay him an alleged balance, on a contract for digging out Pine street in the year 1829,

REPORT:

That they have heard the said petitioner, and all the evidence produced in support of his claim; they have also on behalf of the Corporation, heard the testimony of Samuel Hains, Esq., City Surveyor. And after a careful examination of the whole, are of opinion that the prayers of the petitioner ought not to be granted. They, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
W. H. KEATING,
JOS. T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,

Philad., June 8, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 46.

The Committee on Public Highways respectfully

REPORT:

That they have viewed the streets, hereinafter named, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved or repaved, the following streets, viz:

New Paving.

Dugan street, from Spruce to Pine,	\$770 00
Harrison street, from Schuy'l. Sixth to Jefferson street,	200 00
Jefferson street, from Harrison to Rittenhouse,	175 00
Richards street, from Ninth street to Webb's Alley,	195 00
Oak street, from High to Olive street,	700 00
Olive street, from Oak to Schuylkill Eighth street,	422 00
Murry street, from Schuylkill Second to Third street,	1155 00

Repaving.

Cedar street, from Third to Fourth street,	504 00
High st., from Schuy'l. Sixth to Schuy'l. Seventh st.,	780 00
Ninth street, from High to Filbert street,	381 00
Spruce street, from Seventh to Eighth street,	507 00
Total,	<u>\$5,789 00</u>

And that the City Commissioners be also directed to make an inlet at the south-west corner of Thirteenth and Mulberry streets.

The Committee also recommend the passage of the Ordinance accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
THOMAS DUNLAP,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
W. H. KEATING,
JOSEPH T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL.

Philad., June 8, 1837.

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Culvert in Seventh street, from Spruce to Pine street.”

Sec. 1. Be it, &c. That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Culvert to be constructed in Seventh street, commencing at the present Culvert in the middle of Spruce street, and extending south to the north side of Pine street, of a diameter not exceeding four feet in the clear.

APPENDIX, No. 47.

“An Ordinance relating to Loans.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Mayor of the city be and he is hereby authorised to borrow, on the credit of the Corporation, at such times as the Committee on Finance may direct, the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, in anticipation of the receipt from taxes for the present year, and at a rate of interest not exceeding one per cent. per annum, which loan shall be redeemable May 12, 1838, with the proceeds of said taxes. The certificates of said loan shall be issued in such form and for such amounts as the Committee on Finance may direct, and shall be signed on behalf of the Corporation, by the City Treasurer, or by such persons as he shall appoint as his assistants for the purpose.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, &c. That in order to provide the funds for the redemption of the loan of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, authorised by an Ordinance, passed May 11th, 1837, the Mayor of the city is hereby authorised, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, to borrow on the credit of the Corporation, the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, for which certificates shall be issued in the usual form. The said loan shall be redeemable on the first day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy, and shall bear such rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first day of January and

July, as the Committee on Finance may direct, and any premium which may be received on said loan, shall be placed to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

APPENDIX, No. 48.

“ An Ordinance relating to Salaries.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That in addition to the compensation now allowed to the Collectors of vaccine cases, there shall be paid to each of said Collectors, the sum of fifty dollars per annum, which shall be paid quarterly on the requisitions of the Committee on Finance, and be allowed from the first day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

Sec. 2. That in lieu of the compensation now allowed to the Messenger of the Select and Common Councils, the sum of five hundred dollars per annum shall be paid to that officer for his services. The said compensation shall be allowed from the first day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and be paid quarterly, on the requisitions of the Committee on Finance.

APPENDIX, No. 49.

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That they have viewed the Streets and Alleys, hereinafter named, and submit the following resolution:

1st. *Resolved*, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved or repaved, the following Streets and Alleys, viz:

New Paving.

Clinton street, from Ninth to Tenth street,	\$1,213 00
Schuylkill Seventh street, from Locust to Pine,	2,600 00
Schuylkill Sixth street, from Spruce to Pine,	1,444 00
Schuylkill Fifth street, from Spruce to Pine,	1,444 00
Lewis street, from Fifth to Seventh street,	747 00
Ashton street, from Chesnut to George,	255 00

Repaving.

Ninth street, from Sassafras to Vine street,	758 00
Delaware Sixth, from High to Chesnut,	586 00
Lombard, from Eighth to Ninth street,	485 00
Black Horse Alley, from Letitia Court to Front,	78 00
Letitia Court, the narrow part only,	50 00

The Committee have also had under consideration, other petitions for paving and repaving, and after a careful examination, are of opinion, that it is not expedient at present to grant the prayer of the petitioners; they, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions, viz:

One to pave Schuylkill Fifth, from Chesnut to Walnut.

“ “ Asylum street, from Broad to Schuylkill Eighth.

“ “ Ashton street, from High to Mulberry.

“ “ Factory street, from Willow to Beach.

“ “ St. David and Ashton streets, from Sassafras to Vine.

“ to repave Delaware Front, from Sassafras to Vine.

The Committee have had under consideration, three petitions for Culverts, viz: one in Minor street, from Delaware Sixth to Delaware Fifth street, and thence to High street; one in Lombard street, between Delaware Fifth and Delaware Sixth streets, and one in Lombard street from Bank street to river Schuylkill.

The Committee believe that the construction of a Culvert in Minor street, and from thence to intersect the present Culvert in High street, would be advisable; as a large amount of water is collected in the neighbourhood, and in the winter season is a serious inconvenience to the citizens, and a source of much expense to the city. In accordance with these views, they have prepared the Ordinance which accompanies this report.

The Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the other two petitions, believing that the

public interest does not at present, require the expenditure asked for.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN WIEGAND,
W. H. KEATING,
JOS. T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON,

Philad., June 21, 1837.

Committee.

“An Ordinance for the construction of a Culvert in Minor street, between Delaware Fifth and Delaware Sixth streets, and in Delaware Fifth street, from Minor street to High street.”

Sec. 1. Be it, &c., That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Culvert to be constructed in Minor street, from Delaware Sixth to Delaware Fifth street, thence north from Minor street, to intersect the Culvert at High street, with suitable inlets according to a plan to be given by Samuel Hains, Recording Surveyor, the Culvert not to exceed three feet in diameter.

APPENDIX, No. 50.

“An Ordinance relating to Markets.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Police to regulate the Market hours, and authorise such articles to be sold by the renters of the Stalls and Stands, as may in their judgment best comport with the comfort and convenience of the citizens; they shall have charge of all matters relating to the Police of the Markets, and the direction of the Clerks of the Markets.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Committee on City Property shall have the charge of the distribution of the Stalls and Stands of the Market Houses, amongst the applicants; the fixing and re-

gulating of the rents thereof, and the granting of leases, at such time or times as may to them appear best.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained and enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any Ordinance that is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 51.

An Ordinance to alter and establish the regulation of Delaware Sixth street, between Walnut and Washington street.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the regulation of ascents and descents in Delaware Sixth street, between Walnut street and Washington street, on the south side of Washington Square, shall be, and the same is hereby fixed and established, according to a plan of the same, made and presented to Councils, by Samuel Hains, City Surveyor, dated the 29th of June, 1837, any existing regulation or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPENDIX, No. 52.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Citizens, requesting Councils to appropriate certain stands for Furniture Wagons; and the petition of Mr. E. Badger on the subject of Market Wagons and Carts in Seventh street, beg leave to

REPORT:

That by an Ordinance passed the 16th day of April, 1812, it is made the duty of the owners of Hackney Coaches, Wagons, Carts and Drays, used for the transportation of persons or property within the City, for hire or pay, to cause their respective vehicles to be numbered, and the names and places of abode of said owners, to be registered on a book to be kept for that purpose by the City Clerk, &c.

And by a further Ordinance, passed the 9th July, 1821, it is made the duty of the City Commissioners, to appoint and prescribe from time to time, as occasions may require, such and

so many stands for the vehicles mentioned, as to them shall appear necessary, &c.

These Ordinances the Committee believe embrace all that is requisite in relation to Furniture Wagons, and that further legislation on the subject, at present, is inexpedient.

By a resolution of the Committee, the petition on the subject has been referred to the City Commissioners, with a request that suitable stands, in different parts of the City, may be early appropriated.

The matter of complaint contained in the communication to Councils, from Mr. E. Badger, being already provided for by existing Ordinances, and he being advised thereof, the subject does not require further action on the part of Councils. The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be discharged from the further consideration of these subjects.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,
A. FERGUSON,
HENRY SAILOR,
JAMES CRISSY,
JOHN WIEGAND,
J. ROACH.

Philad., July 3rd, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 53.

“An Ordinance relating to the Rail Road.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained, &c., That the Ordinance enacted January 28, 1836, authorising the use of Wooden Sills on which to lay the Rails; and so much of the Ordinance enacted December 24, 1835, as authorises the employment of an Engineer, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, &c., That the Committee on Public Highways be, and they are hereby directed, to carry into effect the Ordinance enacted December 24, 1835, which required the Rail Road in High, Third and Dock streets, to be constructed with Stone Sills and Iron Rails.

APPENDIX, No. 54.

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That they have viewed the Streets and Alleys hereinafter named, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause the following Streets and Alleys to be regulated, curbed and paved or repaved, as required.

For New Paving.

1. Schuylkill Third street, from Chesnut to Walnut, \$1,548 00
2. Harmstad st., from Schuy'l. 2d to Schuy'l 4th, 747 00
3. Gebhard street, from Sassafras to Green Alley, 202 00
4. Green Alley, from Gebhard st. to Schuy'l. 7th st., 130 00

\$2,627 00

For Repaving.

1. Delaware Fourth street, from Spruce to Walnut, \$975 00
2. Prune street, from Del. Fourth to Del. Fifth, 448 00
3. Lombard street, from Del. Third to Del. Fourth, 485 00
4. Taylor's Alley, from Del. Second to Del. Front st. 112 00
5. Coomb's Alley, from Del. Second to Del. Front st. 120 00
6. Chancery Lane, from Coomb's Alley to Mul. st. 65 00
7. Dock street, from east side of Delaware Avenue,
to a point about 210 feet north of the Tobacco
Warehouse, 2,133 00
8. Spruce street, from west side of Little Dock street
to east side of Front street, 196 00
9. Delaware Front street, from south side of Spruce
street to a point 100 feet north of Dock street, 234 00
10. Water st. about 50 feet north and south of Dock st. 80 00
11. Little Dock street, from Spruce street to north
side of Tobacco Warehouse, 133 00
12. Delaware Avenue, from Dock street to a point
100 feet northward, 93 00
13. Delaware Fifth street, from Chesnut to Walnut, 572 00

\$5,646 00

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
JOHN THOMASON,
W. H. KEATING,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
JOHN WIEGAND.

Philad., July 12, 1837.

APPENDIX, No. 55.

The Watering Committee, to whom was referred to inquire and report the expense and propriety of erecting a Fountain and Basin in Franklin and Washington Squares, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Watering Committee be and they are hereby authorised to erect a Basin and Fountain in Franklin Square, the expense of which not to exceed five thousand dollars.

JOHN P. WETHERILL, *Chairman*.
FRED. FRALEY,
BENJ. M. HINCHMAN,
JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN S. WARNER.

APPENDIX, No. 56.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That frequent complaints having been made of the situation of the streets in the neighbourhood of Delaware Fourth and Spruce streets, they have examined the same, and find that in consequence of the water having to pass over a large space for several squares around, and accumulating at the above mentioned point, it is a source of serious inconvenience to the citizens in that vicinity. The Committee having given the matter their deliberate attention, and having also consulted the City Recording Surveyor in relation thereto, have agreed to recommend to Councils the passage of the Ordinance accompanying this report.

The Committee have also embraced in the said Ordinance, the construction of a Culvert in Spruce street, from Little Dock street to Delaware Second, which is necessary in order to complete the improvements now in progress in the neighbourhood of the Drawbridge lot.

The Committee would also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause Butler's Avenue,

leading into Juniper street, north of Pine street, to be paved; and Willing's Alley, from Delaware Third to Delaware Fourth street, to be repaved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOSEPH T. MATHER,
JOHN THOMASON,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Philad., August 2, 1837.

Committee.

“An Ordinance authorising the construction of certain Culverts.”

Sec. 1. Be it, &c. That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, cause to be constructed the following Culverts, with suitable inlets, according to a plan to be given by Samuel Hains, Recording Surveyor.

1st. A Culvert in Pine street, commencing at the present termination of the Culvert between Delaware Third and Fourth streets, and extending to the west side of Delaware Fourth street, of a diameter not exceeding four feet, \$600 00

2d. A Culvert in Delaware Fourth street, extending from the centre of Pine street, to the north side of Spruce, of a diameter not exceeding three feet, \$1000 00

3d. A Culvert in Spruce street, extending from Little Dock street to the west side of Delaware Second street, of a diameter not exceeding three feet, \$400 00

APPENDIX, No. 57.

At a meeting of the Building Committee of the Girard College for Orphans, at the Committee Room, on Tuesday evening, August 15th, 1837, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman be instructed to report an Ordinance to Councils, asking for an appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for defraying the expenses in prosecuting the work at said College the ensuing year.

ISAAC OTIS, *Chairman.*

“An Ordinance, making appropriations for the building of the Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1837.”

Be it ordained, &c. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended in constructing the Girard College for Orphans, during the current year.

APPENDIX, No. 58.

“ An Ordinance, making appropriations for the building of the Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1837.”

Be it ordained, &c. That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended in constructing the Girard College for Orphans, during the current year.

APPENDIX, No. 59.

“ A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance, relative to the payment of the City Police, passed January 28, 1836.”

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, commencing with the first day of January last, be paid to the Mayor's clerk, in addition to his other salary, as full compensation for the additional duties required of him, in the disbursement of the funds of the Police department, under the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement.

Adopted by the Committee.

B. M. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*,
A. FERGUSON,
JAMES CRISSY,
HENRY SAILOR,
JOHN WIEGAND,
J. ROACH.

APPENDIX, No. 60.

“ An Ordinance to supply the appropriations made for the construction of the Girard College for Orphans.”

Be it ordained, &c. That the Mayor of the City, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates, is hereby authorised, from time to time, to sell such stock or loans now constituting the fund set apart for the erection of the Girard College for Orphans, as may be found necessary to supply the appropriations made for building the said College.

APPENDIX, No. 61.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Legacies and Trusts respectfully

REPORT:

That they being fully impressed with the importance of the bequest of Elias Boudinot to the city of Philadelphia, for the purpose of aiding the industrious poor to procure fuel at Summer prices, conceiving it to be the only one of the kind not obnoxious to the objection of being promotive of pauperism, which has too often resulted from less judicious, but perhaps equally philanthropic views of the benevolent, have felt themselves called upon to ascertain the value of said bequest, and as early as practicable, to make it available for the purpose designed by the benevolent donor. To this end they suggested, in a former report to Councils, the propriety of an early visit to those lands.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Committee, they proceeded, on the 9th of August, by the most direct and practicable route, to Karthaus, on the west branch of the Susquehanna, through Lewistown and Bellefonte. At the latter place they had an interview with our agent, Mr. Joseph H. Lowry, Judge Burnside, and Messrs. Buchanan and Petrekin, and other intelligent gentlemen, and at Karthaus with Mr. Peter Ritner; to all of whom we have to acknowledge ourselves under great obligations for much useful information respecting the public lands, which will be found embodied in this report.

The Boudinot lands lie on the north-west boundary line of Centre county, beginning about Buttermilk falls on the west branch of the Susquehanna, nearly six miles below Karthaus, and coursing with the meandering of the river on its south-east side, for a distance of eighteen miles, to about two miles below the mouth of the Sinnemahoning. They extend inland from these points from three to four miles in width, being mountainous, intersected by occasional ravines and streams suitable for mills, furnaces, or other works on the river bank, with many rich bottoms, about sixteen in number, not liable to inundation, containing from fifty to two hundred and fifty acres each; in entire extent, at least one thousand acres of fertile land at the feet of these bluffs. On one or two of these bottoms, about three or four miles above the mouth of the Sinnemahoning,

where there are two islands and some fine bottoms, we found several squatters on the land, who have one hundred and fifty acres under cultivation.

The summit of these river bluffs of at least one thousand to twelve hundred feet in altitude form high table lands, constituting part of the elongated north-west slope of the Allegany. Through parts adjacent to these table lands, we traversed on our passage over the mountain from Snow Shoe to Karthaus, which are so gradual in their descent, as to render it almost imperceptible. They are well timbered with white and yellow pine of large growth; also hemlock, oak, and some locust. They are represented as fertile, and would, probably, if cleared, produce wheat in abundance; they would also form excellent grazing farms for sheep and horned cattle. Mr. P. Ritner states that a road is in contemplation from Karthaus to Lockhaven on the Susquehanna, at the entrance of the Bald Eagle canal, which must pass through a considerable portion of this table land, and enhance its value by rendering it more accessible. We saw several farms on the mountain^d slope, on adjoining lands to the city tract. But the principal value of these lands, at no distant period, will be found to depend on their mineral riches; the whole tract is believed to be underlaid by successive alternating strata of bituminous coal and iron in inexhaustible quantities. Mr. Karthaus purchased from Mr. Boudinot, the two western tracts in 1816, or a short time before the death of the latter, for three dollars an acre, on account of the bog iron ore which they contain in abundance, and which always accompanies the regular strata of argillaceous iron ore, where they crop out on the sides of the mountains, being formed by their washings or debris. On the remaining portions now held by the city, we landed below Buttermilk Falls, and found large banks of this ore of excellent quality, which has been smelted by Mr. Ritner for the purpose of proving it, and found to be as described.

At various points in our descent of the river from Karthaus, sixty miles of which the Committee performed in an open canoe, with an experienced Welsh miner, this being the only practicable mode of examining the lands, owing to the absence of roads, we saw iron springs, and that appearance of the strata which convinced us that the geological formation is the same as at Karthaus: the squatters also informed us, that coal and iron abounded on that portion which they inhabited.

At Karthaus, through the kindness of Mr. Peter Ritner, the Committee had an opportunity of inspecting, where a slide of the mountain banks had occurred, the alternating coal and iron ore of which there are seven successive strata each, from four to

five feet thick, and nearly horizontal or but slightly inclined to the south-west. In fact, with a stratum of limestone and another of fire clay, together with interposed sandstone, they constitute the whole of the mountainous banks of this river, on the north-west side, as far down as Farrandsville, where the first bituminous coal is found, in approaching this region by the river: and together with all the lands to the summit of the Allegany on the south-east side of this branch, including the Boudinot lands, constitute a part of the elevated verge of the great valley or basin of the Mississippi, here intersected by the Susquehanna, which affords a practicable outlet for its products to the Atlantic. This valley is known wherever it has been explored throughout western Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, to be underlaid by slightly inclined strata of bituminous coal and iron; and at greater depths, salt springs may be obtained by boring, and are extensively worked. There is a natural salt spring on the lands of the "Allegany Coke Coal and Mining Company," opposite to the Boudinot tract, where there are remains of salt works which were abandoned by the former proprietors, as we are informed, from want of capital and some accident to their machinery, and not from want of supply of water to make good salt. No doubt by means of Artesian wells, salt could be obtained from the city lands. In the vicinity of this spring, the aforesaid company, with whom Mr. P. Ritner is connected, have found inexhaustible beds of coal and iron ore, having the same stratification as at Karthaus, and at this point they will, probably, erect a furnace and town, and commence mining operations as extensive as those they have carried on at that place as soon as the slack water navigation of this river shall extend to their vicinity. The success of Mr. P. Ritner, who acts for this Company, is a matter of no small importance, as his failure would discourage enterprise, and detract for a time from the value of lands in this district. But his success has, in the opinion of the Committee, been placed beyond doubt; we have seen iron in pigs, castings, and the form called puddled iron, made by him from the ore of this region; it is admirably adapted for castings and for Rail Road purposes, being harder and less liable to oxidize than the soft iron; the yield is about forty per cent. and the expense of portage to Columbia, will be about five dollars a ton. Coke also of the best quality, now prepared at the mouth of the mines in large quantities, can be delivered for fifteen cents per bushel; and when the West Branch shall be improved by a slack water navigation, these prices will perhaps be diminished, and we have little doubt that the products of this region will compete with those of any other in the state. We have dwelt on the mining, coking and smelting operations

at Karthaus, because we consider them a type of what may, and perhaps will, be done on the Boudinot lands. Mr. Ritner states, in addition to this belief in the mineral riches of coal and iron on this tract, that a vein of copper ore has been discovered some where on it, but he could not say where, nor of what value the vein was likely to prove. This, with the foregoing facts respecting the presence of coal and iron, will be probably confirmed or distinctly ascertained, when Professor Rogers shall have completed his geological survey of the state, and shall have passed over this portion of the city domain.

These lands will be much enhanced in value, by the circumstance of the grand Pennsylvania Canal communicating with Lake Erie by way of the West Branch, passing by a part or the whole of the tract. If, in conformity with the report of Mr. Ayerigg, State Engineer, who has explored this region for the purpose, the route of the Erie canal by the Sinnemahoning is preferred, and there is already a company incorporated for the purpose of pursuing this course still, if this takes effect, several miles of the lower portion of these lands will be improved. But if, as many desire, the canal and slack water be carried up the Susquehanna so as to communicate with the Allegany river, through Anderson's creek, the whole of the city tracts will be incalculably enhanced in value, for easy access to market is all that is required to develop the vast resource of this hitherto neglected region. As the Committee continued their course down the river, they were forcibly struck with the natural advantages it affords for cheap slack water improvements, the frequent occurrence of rapids, at most of which the mountainous banks approximate, so as to form abutments to the dams, the abundance of timber suitable for cribs, &c. &c. Stone for the completion of the dams and locks, together with such a descent as in many places would throw the back water many miles up stream, all combine to favour the enterprise, and we trust, at no distant day, to see it realised, as near every dam towns could be located and furnaces established on the Boudinot lands with ample water power; and the bottom and table lands would afford, if cultivated, a sufficient supply of produce for a considerable population.

The largest timber was found by the Committee, to have been removed wherever it was accessible on the banks, by a system of depredation too common on all these rivers. Yet, still they found much valuable woodland on the mountain slopes, consisting of oak, hemlock, white and yellow pine, locusts, and on the bottom, also, the sugar maple in abundance; but at several points the fire had passed through and destroyed many acres.

The Committee landed at four or five different remote points on the lands, and as before stated, at one of them a settlement had been formed, and portions of land amounting to one hundred and fifty acres, under cultivation. We saw excellent corn, oats, wheat and tobacco growing here. One tract of about seventy-five acres, with a house and out-buildings, was occupied by an aged individual and his family, named Joseph Perry. On the next clearing, a short distance below, containing about fifty acres, another squatter and his family resides, of the name of Thomas Burns. Above these, a short distance, there is a sugar camp and corn fields, but no house; about twenty-five acres cleared and cultivated by an individual, named ——— Moore, who resides opposite; the river is here about seventy yards wide and easily fordable.

The Committee notified the two squatters of the city claims, and would respectfully recommend that ejectments be immediately commenced against them, unless they come forward and purchase a title to their tracts.

The question will arise, what value is to be attached to these lands? As all attempts to affix a precise value to unseated lands liable to so many contingencies, must eventuate in error, the Committee are desirous of avoiding any expression of opinion that would lead to fallacious conclusions; they only, therefore, offer the following approximation, which may, perhaps, be over-rated. From the best sources of information within their reach, they have come to the conclusion that the lands are worth from one to five dollars per acre, according to location, &c. If this be correct, the average is three dollars per acre, which, on a tract of thirteen thousand acres, would give as their present value, thirty-nine thousand dollars. This amount may possibly soon be doubled, if the state improvements are early completed up this branch of the Susquehanna, which it becomes the interest of Councils to favour by all legitimate means.

In relation to this, the Committee will reiterate the observations made on this subject in their former report.

“The fund to be raised from this splendid public bequest, will probably be attended with all the good without the bad effects of other schemes for supplying the poor with fuel. A considerable sum will probably be realised annually from the rents and issues of these lands. This sum will be invested in the summer in fuel, which, if wood should be deemed pre-

ferable, can be bought in that season for four dollars per cord; a price which may not be much enhanced for many years. In the winter this wood will be sold to consumers in limited quantities at cost prices, whereby those persons will avoid the necessity of paying dealers and speculators from six to twelve dollars a cord, at a season when they can least afford extra burdens; nothing being given without equivalent, the fund will be restored in the spring, and being enlarged by the next year's rents or issues, will go through the same process. The fund, therefore, will increase in arithmetical ratio, and however small may be the first term of the series and trifling the ratio of increase in each year, the sum of the terms, in a number of years, must become an enormous aggregate. A fund constantly augmenting and not subject to loss, it is evident must at no distant day, be fully adequate to supply the labouring population of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia with fuel at cost prices."

In conclusion, the Committee beg leave to make a few remarks respecting the great influence this bequest, if rightly administered, is destined to exercise over the welfare of the city of Philadelphia. Its tendency will be to discourage pauperism by holding out inducements to honest industry, and will ultimately prove a powerful check upon speculations in fuel, one of the most important necessities of life, of which the poor are most generally the victims, but which are too frequently felt by all classes of the community.

All of which, together with the accompanying Ordinance and resolution, is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMASON, *Chairman.*

CORNELIUS TIERS,

A. McCAUSLAND,

JOHN LINDSAY,

CALEB B. MATTHEWS,

W. H. KEATING,

HENRY J. WILLIAMS,

Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the management and proper execution of the several bequests and trusts made to the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, and now under the care of the Committee on Legacies and Trusts, which appropriation shall be paid from the Treasury on the requisition of the said Committee.

“An Ordinance relating to the Boudinot Lands, for the purpose of supplying the poor with fuel at Summer prices.”

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Committee on Legacies and Trusts be hereby empowered to sell or lease, as they may think proper, the part or the whole of the lands bequeathed by Elias Boudinot, to the city of Philadelphia, at as early a period as may be deemed expedient by them, for the purpose of carrying into effect the intentions of the donor.

Sec. 2d. And be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the sum arising from the sale or lease when accomplished, be securely invested, so as to produce an income of not less than five per cent. per annum; which income or interest annually accumulating, shall be employed according to the provisions of the bequest, and shall be designated the Boudinot Fund.

APPENDIX, No. 62.

The Committee on Public Highways

REPORT:

That they have viewed the Streets and Alleys hereafter named, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are

hereby directed to have regulated, curbed and paved, the following streets, viz:

Third street, from Walnut to Union,	\$1,317 00
Cedar street, from Sixth to Seventh street,	500 00
Spruce street, from Eleventh to Twelfth street,	480 00
Jefferson Avenue, running west from Broad street, north of Walnut,	80 00
Howard or Patterson st. from Thirteenth to Juniper st.	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN THOMASON,
JOS. T. MATHER,
TIMOTHY CALDWELL,
W. H. KEATING,
CORNELIUS TIERS,
JOHN WIEGAND,

Philad., Sept. 14, 1837.

Committee.

APPENDIX, No. 63.

A further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance, relative to the payment of the City Police."

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the third section of an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance, relative to the payment of the City Police," passed January 28th, 1836, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX, No. 64.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Public Highways respectfully

REPORT:

That they have had presented to them a claim for \$1,438 68, for sundry curb stones and flagging, furnished to the City Commissioners by George G. Leiper, during a period of about thirteen years, commencing October, 1816, and ending December, 1829. From the large amount of the bill and its long standing, the Committee are not willing to settle it without laying before Councils all the information they are in possession of.

In a report of the City Commissioners, dated April 5th, 1829, the greater portion of the said claim is admitted as correct, and most of the balance has been certified to as correct, by Michael McCloskey, Curb Stone setter.

In the course of investigating the above claim, the Committee have found an account presented by George G. Leiper, for \$877 34 which was paid and is attested by his receipt. This account is for stone delivered during a portion of the time included in the account under investigation, but for none of the items embraced in it.

The Committee regret that this claim has not been attended to earlier by the party interested, as it would in all probability, have induced the City Commissioners to have taken immediate measures to secure the interest of the city by lien upon the property for which the curb stones were furnished.

The Committee, after a careful examination, are unable to discover any evidence that the amount of the claim, or any portion of it has been paid; they, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be directed to adjust and settle the account of George G. Leiper.

The Committee have had under consideration, the communication, signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners of the district of Spring Garden, and would recommend the passage of the Ordinance accompanying this report, as the plan best calculated to promote the interest of the city and the said district.

The Committee have also attended to the petition in relation to Farr street, and recommend the passage of the Ordinance

accompanying this report, establishing a regulation of said street and altering the regulation of Mulberry Alley, as the plan most likely to remedy the evils complained of by the petitioners.

The Committee also present to Councils, an Ordinance authorising the construction of a Sewer in Delaware Sixth, from Chesnut to Minor street, a work they believe will be of much public utility.

JAMES HUTCHINSON,

W. H. KEATING,

JOHN WIEGAND,

CORNELIUS TIERS,

JOHN THOMASON,

TIMOTHY CALDWELL,

Philad., Sept. 27, 1837.

Committee.

“An Ordinance relating to the regulation of Ascents and Descents in Mulberry Alley and Farr street.”

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, That the regulation of ascents and descents in Mulberry Alley, between Delaware Fifth and Sixth streets, shall be and the same is hereby altered and established, according to a plan made by Samuel Hains, City Recording Surveyor, dated September 16th, 1837, any law or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 2. Be it enacted, That the regulation of ascents and descents of Farr street, between Vine street and Mulberry Alley, shall be and the same is hereby established according to a plan made by Samuel Hains, City Recording Surveyor, dated September 16th, 1837, any law or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

“An Ordinance authorising the Commissioners of the district of Spring Garden, to construct a Sewer in Vine street.”

Sec. 1. Be it, &c. That the Commissioners of the District of Spring Garden be, and they are hereby authorised to construct a Sewer in Vine street, extending from the east side of Schuylkill Seventh street, to the termination of the present Sewer at Logan Square, agreeably to a plan to be furnished by the City Recording Surveyor, and the Surveyor of the District of Spring Garden.

Sec. 2. Be it, &c. That upon the completion of said Sewer to the satisfaction of the Committee on Public Highways, the said Committee are hereby authorised to pay to the authorities of the District of Spring Garden, the proportion of the city as assessed by the Surveyors of the City and said District:

“An Ordinance authorising the construction of a Sewer in Delaware Sixth street, from Chesnut to Minor street.”

Be it enacted, &c. That the City Commissioners, under the direction of the Committee on Public Highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause a Sewer, not exceeding three feet in diameter, to be constructed in Delaware Sixth street, from the north side of Chesnut street to the south side Minor street, agreeably to a plan to be furnished by Samuel Hains, City Recording Surveyor.

APPENDIX, No. 65.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Legacies and Trusts, appointed to carry into execution the Ordinance passed April 22, 1824, entitled “An Ordinance, granting aid to the Fire Engine and Hose Companies in the city,” and the supplements to the same,

REPORT:

That the Committee visited the different Engine and Hose establishments on the 13th of the present month. The Committee received the highest gratification from the visit, in beholding the condition of the several Engines and Hose Carriages. The machines for extinguishing fires, are beautiful adaptations of science and art, and Philadelphians have always felt a just pride in the efficiency and beauty of those constructed in our city. Your Committee found every thing (with immaterial exceptions,) in that complete order which enables our Firemen to act with the promptitude which they exhibit on the first alarm of fire, thus shielding our city from those extensive ravages which have occasionally devastated other great cities. Your Committee were also gratified to find that several Com-

panies have so far imbibed the spirit of improvement, as to commence the formation of libraries in their Hose or Engine Houses; some have already several hundred volumes, and others have commenced collecting books; some also have formed societies for mutual instruction among themselves. Should this plan be followed up, the young men who form the most active portion of the members, will find that their own moral and intellectual improvement and their respectability as citizens, will be essentially promoted. Your Committee embraced this opportunity of inquiring into a charge, sometimes made against our Fire Companies, of encouraging *minors* to join them. From the tabular statement, hereto appended,* it appears that the whole number of minors is inconsiderable indeed; none, it is believed, are under eighteen, while most of those who are minors in law, are in fact, twenty years old. It is, therefore, evident that parents and guardians, and not the Firemen, are responsible for those assemblies of idle and disorderly youth who sometimes congregate round the doors of the Hose and Engine houses.

In the first Ordinance granting aid to Fire Companies, passed April, 1824, it was enacted that no Company formed subsequently to 1823, should be entitled to the aid so granted. This restriction was not conceived in a narrow or sordid policy. Should Councils extend aid to every Fire Company asking the same, that aid would operate as a bounty on the constant formation of new Companies. The present number (with the assistance, which may always be relied on, of those in the adjoining districts,) is fully adequate to meet every danger, and more are not desired. Should Councils depart from this rule, it should be only in favour of new Companies located in neighborhoods built up since the passage of the Ordinance of 1824. Since that period, the city has been much improved to the west of Broad street, and it seems reasonable that the citizens on that side of the said street should have Engines and Hose in their immediate vicinity; and some encouragement might be extended either to induce some of the old Companies to move thither, or to encourage the formation of new ones in that locality. It is under these impressions that your Committee have considered the applications from the Diligent Hose and Fame Engine Companies asking to be placed on the list of Companies entitled to the regular yearly appropriations. Of these Companies, the former located itself in the city in the last year, and the latter was formed during the present year; and, therefore, are expressly excluded by the Ordinance of 1824. The Com-

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mittee regret that the operation of the Ordinance should be unfavourable to Companies so useful to the public, from their location, from the efficiency of their apparatus, and from the activity of the members; but see no reason why Councils should depart from a rule that has hitherto proved salutary, after having twice refused similar petitions. Nevertheless, your Committee recommend that a special appropriation be made to those Companies of two hundred dollars each, as they appear to be in a state wherein a temporary aid would be highly conducive to their further usefulness and prosperity,

Your Committee have also considered the application (referred to them,) of the Assistance and Hibernia, for sites on which to erect buildings for their respective Companies. Your Committee have made the necessary inquiries, and find that Councils have not at their disposal at present, any suitable situations, and cannot, therefore, accede to their request.

Your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That four hundred dollars be appropriated to the Diligent Hose Company and Fame Engine Company, as a special aid, to be divided between them in equal portions.

JOHN THOMASON, *Chairman*.

JOHN P. WETHERILL,

A. McCAUSLAND,

CALEB B. MATTHEWS,

JOHN LINDSAY.

Philad., September 27, 1837.

NAMES of COMPANYS.	NAMES of PRESIDENTS.	Activ. mem- bers.	Av. No of mem- bers.	Hon. of mem- bers.	Number of feet of Hose,	TENURE OF LOCATION.	Mi- nors.	REMARKS.
Resolution Hose	Charles Schaffer	29	15	35	1000	On sufferance from Christ Church	6	Good order.
Delaware Engine	Horatio G. Rowley	32	20	7	200	Own location. \$ 216 debt		do.
Perseverance Hose	Peter Fritz	54	30	40	1000	Own location. 1200 debt	10	do.
Reliance Engine	William S. Book	31	20	37	110	Under rent. 60 per annum	6	Lib'ry 700 vs.
Vigilant Engine	George W. Tryon	58	22	22	700	Own location. 300 debt	4	do.
Neptune Hose	J. B. Lanck	50	36	27	1000	Under rent. 50 per annum	6	
Assistance Engine	D. R. Murphy	48	29	15	600	Under rent. 40 per annum	1	Debt \$400.
Hand in Hand Engine	R. H. Kelley	28	22	36	260	Under rent. 100 per annum	6	Debt 700.
Columbia Engine	Daniel Knight	46	30	35	500	Own location. 700 debt	6	
Columbia Hose	Sam'l. G. Kugles	70	35	103	1155	Own location. 400 debt	5	Good order.
Philadelphia Hose	John P. Weherill	51	35	90	850	Own location	4	
Phoenix Engine	John W. Clark	31	22	38	1500	Owned by the company		
Harmony Engine	Emon Kimber, Jr.	60	27	20	750	Own location. 800 debt	4	
Diligent Engine	E. H. Loudon	59	28	35	968	Own location. 1700 debt	2	Good order. Lib'ry 500 vs.
Washington Hose	Charles J. Boulter	43	30	19	975	Under rent. 140 per annum	2	
Good Will Engine	Adam Eckfeldt	75	50	20	1100	Own location. 1300 debt	6	
America Hose	Wm. H. Hamilton	20	15	8	1000	Under rent. 150 per annum	3	Good order.
Pennsylvania Engine	S. P. Griffith, Jr.	50	25	64	1000	Under no rent. Tenants at will	3	
Faune Hose	J. Rutherford, Jr.	32	25	26	1000	Under rent. 150 per annum	3	
Good Intent Hose	George K. Childs	29	18	28	1000	On sufferance from Friends' Society	6	
Hibernia Engine	James McDonald	34	20	50	450	No location	9	
Hope Hose	Alexander Henry	66	50	60	1000	On city property		
Southwark Hose	John W. Nesbit	37	24	72	1250	On city property	7	Lib'ry.
Robert Morris Hose	J. B. Andrews	45	30	24	1000	Own location.	5	Lib'ry.
Washington Engine	Frederick Forst	68	30	26	100	No location. 500 debt	5	
Schuylkill Hose	James Hutchinson	45	20	4	900	Under rent. 75 per annum	12	
Philadelphia Engine	Philip Garret	23	12	29	970	Own location		
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